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## Rural Support Programmes Response to Flood Disaster 2022



**Context:** Heavy and unprecedented monsoon rains have caused extensive floods in 116 districts of Pakistan, of which 84 are officially notified 'calamity' districts. According to recent official figures from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of Pakistan, more than 33 million people have been affected, floods have claimed 1,718 lives, over 2.1 million houses are damaged (1.3 million partially and over 795,000 fully damaged), over half a million people are in relief camps (87% in Sindh) and about 2 million acres of agricultural land has been affected with extensive crop damage and loss to livestock. Public and community infrastructure has been damaged ie roads, bridges, water supply schemes, sanitation systems, etc. Sindh province is most severely affected, followed by Balochistan. Certain districts in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab provinces have also been significantly affected. Details of calamity declared districts and population are given in Table 1:

Province/ Region Wise	Calamity Hit Notified District	Affected Population	Houses Damaged
AJ&K	0	53,700	555
Balochistan	32	9,182,616	72,235
GB	9	51,500	1,211
КР	17	4,350,490	91,463
Punjab	3	4,844,253	67,981
Sindh	23	14,563,770	1,881,008
Total	84	33,046,329	2,114,453

#### Table 1: Province wise calamity hit districts and population

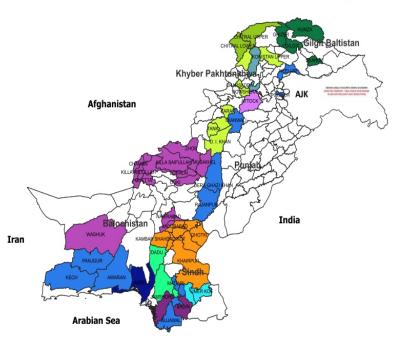
#### **RSPN & RSPs Response**

As RSPN and its partner RSPs has presence across 150 districts, they have also carried out the damage assessment in their respective programme districts that have been affected by flood. The RSPN/RSPs damage assessment has primarily focused on damages at the rural community level as this aspect is significant to livelihoods and living conditions at community level. A summary of RSPs and provincial level rains and flood response is being reported in total 63 districts in all provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan and AJK in close collaboration with government. RSPs are actively working with communities on flood emergency response including participatory damage/vulnerability assessments, and relief work. The following the details of RSPN/RSPs provincial and district outreach in flood-affected districts:

Partner RSPs	Punjab	KP	Balochistan	Sindh	AJK	GB	Total
AKRSP	-	2	-	-	-	4	6
SRSO	-	-	-	13	-	-	13
NRSP	3	2	4	8	2	-	19
SRSP	-	17	-	-	-	-	15
BRSP	-	-	14	-	-	-	14
GBTI	1						1
TRDP				4			4
Grand Total	4	17	17	19	2	4	63

RSPN has coordinated with the RSPs to undertake a damage assessment: it is pertinent to mention here that the NDMA and Provincial DMAs (PDMAs) have not taken into account full damage to communal infrastructure schemes such as water supply, sanitation, irrigation channels etc, which the RSP assessment has.

As the relief phase continues in many districts, RSPs are engaged in the distribution of food, shelter/tent provision, distribution of mosquito nets, hygiene kits, water purification tablets, provision of clean drinking water, setting up medical camps and vaccination drives for people and livestock. The early recovery and rehabilitation phase has started in



some districts where it is important to support people to rebuild their lives and return to their homes. Relief, early recovery and rehabilitation will run in parallel, depending on geographic location and local conditions. The following passages provide a summary of flood damages conducted and response to rains and floods by RSPN's partner RSPs:

## A. Aga Khan Rural Support Programme [Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral]

#### Assessment of Communal Infrastructure:

AKRSP carried out damage assessment of community-based infrastructure schemes in the six districts of Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral namely Gilgit, Ghizer, Hunza, Skardu, Lower Chitral and Upper Chitral. Types of Schemes assessed included - irrigation schemes, water supply schemes, land terracing, green houses, link roads, micro hydel power projects, protective spur, and suspension and foot bridges. The rapid assessment revealed that a total of 112 schemes were damaged by the rains and floods and were in need of rehabilitation. A total of over 17,600 households are affected by these damaged schemes. AKRSP also carried out cost estimation for rehabilitation of these schemes. A total of PKR 79 million is required for reconstruction/rehabilitation of the schemes.

#### B. Sindh Rural Support Organisation [Sindh]

SRSO carried out rapid vulnerability assessment in15 worst affected districts of Sindh namely Umerkot, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Khairpur, Sukkur, Ghotki, Badin, Shikarpur, Kashmore, Jamshoro, Jacobabad, Thatta, Larkana, Kambar Shadad Kot and Naushero Feroz. Immediate needs of the affected population include food items, shelter, water purification kits, construction of new and rehabilitation of damaged WASH facilities, hygiene kits, mosquito kits, emergency medical treatment camps, treatment of livestock and to protect their livelihood sources;



SRSO initiated the relief operation with rescue and relief interventions to respond to the immediate needs in the affected districts and following flood response activities were undertaken:

- a) Distributed 11,287 ration bags food items;
- b) Provided cooked food to 9,718 households;
- c) 535 households provided with Tarpaulin and 326 families provided tents;
- d) 9,241 stitched ladies and children/baby clothes given to vulnerable families;
- e) Livestock protection and management intervention implemented through vaccinating **115,143** animal in free livestock treatment and vaccination camps;
- f) 2,830 animal fodders distributed;
- g) Installed 176 pit latrines and 3,779 mosquito nets provided;
- h) Provision of safe/clean drinking water to affected population through 8 Hand Pumps and 2 water tanker, distribution of **14,600** water purification tablets/sachets;
- i) 3,025 families provided with relief items (food and NFIs);
- j) 2,858 Hygiene kits distributed and 5,590 individuals participated in health and hygiene sessions;
- k) 1,058 MHM kits distributed to women and adolescent girls;
- I) 25 Anti mosquito spray / de-fumigation activities undertaken;

### C. National Rural Support Programme [16 Districts Across Pakistan]

NRSP also carried out a rapid damage/vulnerability assessment in 19 districts of Pakistan - Heavy rains and floods have badly affected 460,087 households in 511 union councils of 19 districts (Punjab- Mianwali, D.G. Khan, Rajanpur; Sindh- Matiari, Tando Allahyar, Tando Muhammad Khan, Mirpurkhas, Badin, Thatta, Sujawal, Umerkot; Balochistan- Kech, Panjgur, Lasbela, Awaran; Azad Jammu and Kashmir- Neelum, Poonch; and KP- Swat, Swabi). Immediate needs of the affected population include shelter arrangements, food items, water cans, hygiene kits, NFIs, WASH facilities, medical camps, livestock vaccination, equipment for clearing debris, etc;



**Relief work/response by NRSP:** started emergency rescue operations in worst hit areas; and started its relief operations initially in 6 districts including D.G. Khan, Rajanpur, Matiari, Tando Allahyar and Badin with the financial support of PPAF and NRSP's own funds, and the flood response details are given in the following;

- a) 303 households provided shelters along-with other related support;
- b) 7,175 families provided food;
- c) 2000 benefitted from Health activities (medical camp etc.);
- d) 677 households benefitted from the WASH facilities;

#### D. Baluchistan Rural Support Programme [Balochistan]

BRSP carried out damage/vulnerability assessment in 764 villages from 177 UCs of 18 flood-affected districts of the province - Chaman, Duki, Jaffarabad, Jhal Magsi, Killa Abdullah, Killa Saifullah, Loralai, Musakhel, Naseerabad, Pishin, Quetta, Sohbatpur, Washuk, Khuzdar, Lasbela and Zhob. Immediate needs identified included shelter, food items, water cans, hygiene kits, NFIs, WASH facilities, medical camps, livestock vaccination and support for land leveling, etc. BRSP initiated the relief operation with rescue and relief interventions to respond to the immediate needs in the affected districts and following flood response activities were undertaken:



- a) Established **15 Coordination and Information Cells (CICs)** to support district administration in data and information management of flood relief operations; BRSP officials are actively participating in coordination meetings with PDMA, DDMAs and line departments;
- b) **BRSP signed an MoU with the Action against Hunger (ACF)** for strengthening the coordination in the current flood emergency in the province;
- c) Provided cooked food to 6,050 individuals in Quetta, Jaffarabad and Jhal Magsi districts;
- d) **4,497** Food packages distributed in 5 districts i.e. Quetta, Washuk, Lasbela, Jhal Magsi and Musakhel;
- e) 4,347 families provided with Non-Food Items in 5 flood-affected districts
- f) Transportation support provided to district administration of Quetta for loading and unloading of relief items in different flood effected districts of the province;
- g) Provided hygiene/dignity kits and water purification solutions to **2**,**700** families in Quetta, Washuk, Lasbela and Dasht;
- h) Treated **3,454** under-5 age children with diarrhea in joint medical camps in Dera Bugti, Barkhan, Jhal Magsi and Loralai;
- i) Organised 23 free medical camps in Quetta, Lasbela, Musa Khel, Jaffer Abad and Washuk and treated 6,683 OPD patients and provided medicines with support of health department and district administrations;
- j) Carried out Rapid assessment of 242 PHED and Community managed Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS) in Nine districts

## E. Sarhad Rural Support Programme [Khyber Pakhtunkhwa]

The damage assessment report by PDMA-KP shows that the 13 districts are amongst the worst hit are D. I. Khan, Karak, Tank, Lakki Marwat, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swabi, Swat, Shangla, Upper Dir, Upper Kohistan, Upper and Lower Chitral. Immediate relief needs identified are distribution of food and NFIs, shelters, clean drinking water, jerry cans for water.

SRSP has strong presence across the province and it has mobilised its human resource to provide immediate response to the affected communities in 17 districts;



- a) Distribution of 724 tents and 1,555 Core Relief Items; and 898 food packages;
- b) distribution of 2,000 aerosol spray and mosquito repellent
- c) Free medical treatment of **10,507** individuals in free medical camps; provision of 4 vehicles to Health Dept; for transport of Medical Aid
- d) Setting-up a women protection desk for GBV prevention and response services with assistance from UNFPA providing psychosocial support – 4,198 individuals benefitted and distributed 4,149 dignity kits to women and girls;
- e) Child protection awareness sessions to 10,523 individuals;
- f) Temporary Learning Centers established resuming educational activities for 508 students;
- g) Provision of clean drinking water to 13,857 families;
- h) Rehabilitation of Micro Hydel Projects (MHP) benefitting 4,670 Households
- i) Installation of 2 Chairlifts benefitting 4,300 individuals;
- j) Cash Assistance PKR 50,000 provided to 91 families;
- k) 20,990 SFT area cleared from flood debris under Cash for Work activities;

#### F.Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP)

TRDP is closely working closely with the local authorities on the relief work in the seven floodaffected districts of Sindh i.e. Dadu, Jamshoro, Umerkot, Mirpurkhas, Matiari, Tando Allahyar and Hyderabad districts. The following are the key activities are being undertaken by the TRDP based on the priority needs of the flood-affected communities in target districts.



- a) Distribution of Cooked Food to 4,219 families;
- b) Distribution of 1,230 mosquito nets and lotions;
- c) Provision of safe drinking water through water tanks and water canes to 4,289 families;
- d) 1,000 families provided NFI Kits;
- e) 8,392 patients treated and provided medicines in medical camps;
- f) **15,453** individuals participated in health and hygiene awareness sessions to prevent spread of water borne diseases;
- g) Over 24,589 livestock vaccinated through 45 veterinary camps;
- h) Distribution of multipurpose cash transfers to 926 households (total amount over 13.8 million PKR).
- i) 67 Temporary Learning Centers established benefitting 3,698 students (2,357 boys and 1,341 girls);
- j) 49 latrines constructed benefitting approximately 2,692 individuals;

#### G. Ghazi Barotha Taraqiati Idara (GBTI)

Recent heavy monsoon rains and flooding affected more than 400 households in Jityal and Kamra villages of district Attock. GBTI with support of Village Development Organisation (VDO) Sangat Jityal conducted damage assessment identifying an immediate need for emergency health services, food and essential household items. Based on the results from the rapid damage and need assessment surveys, the following activities have been conducted by GBTI with support of the VDO:



- a) A campaign was launched to clean the streets/drains of village, silt and garbage heaps moved to the proper place with the help of a tractor trolley;
- b) 119 people (17 vulnerable/poorest families) including 11 widows assisted with immediate cash support of PKR 15,000/- each family;
- c) A village level health awareness camp organised where more than 60 women benefitted;
- d) GBTI assisted rehabilitation of some of the damaged walls;

#### H. RSPN - Flood Response Projects

**The Asia Foundation (TAF):** RSPN has signed an agreement with The Asia Foundation for a project titled "Supporting Relief Efforts through Provision of Food Packages and Hygiene Kits to Vulnerable and Marginalised Flood-affected Groups in districts Sohbatpur and Killa Saifullah in Balochistan. The project objectives are to mitigate the vulnerability of flood-affected populations and provide essential relief assistance to vulnerable groups. The activities comprise the distribution of 600 food packages and 600 hygiene kits in the two target districts of Balochistan. The two most affected union councils, each from both districts, will be selected, and identification of the deserving families will be carried out as per set criteria. It is expected that the relief package will benefit approximately 12,000 people in Killa Saifullah and Sohbatpur districts.

**The Project Hope – People to People Health Foundation:** RSPN is partnering with Project Hope to provide Emergency Relief Assistance to Flood-affected Populations through implementing Health & Hygiene Activities in Dadu and Jamshoro districts of Sindh Province. The twomonth project (15th September 2022 - 15th November 2022) is to be implemented by Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP). The activities include awareness-raising sessions to prevent the spread of water-borne diseases; organising medical camps for OPD treatment and provision of medicine; distribution of mosquito nets and lotions; construction of Pit Latrines and provision of Safe drinking water through water tanks and distribution of water jerry canes. Activities under the project are currently underway in target districts.

**British Asian Trust (BAT):** RSPN is currently in the process of finalising an agreement with the British Asian Trust (BAT) to provide early recovery support to the affected communities of selected UCs in Rajanpur district. The project will be implemented by RSPN's partner, National Rural Support Programme (NRSP). The project support will specifically include a focus on achieving: i) provision of cash grants to purchase fodder for the livestock; ii) setting up and operationalise manual and solar based facility to purify water and make it clean and drinkable, and iii) provision of agri-inputs to the farmers to initiate producing cash crops. The project duration will be six months, and implementation is expected to start by the end of October / start of November.

**PSI/FCDO – DAFPAK:** RSPN is collaborating with PSI for Supporting Relief Efforts/ Provision of Health Services to Vulnerable Groups – Women (PLWs), Children and PWDs in Sindh province. The target districts are Shikarpur and Kamber Shadadkot which are severely affected by the floods and have been declared calamity-hit by the government. DAFPAK is already working in these two districts and has strong roots and presence through its implementing partner Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO). The project interventions comprise providing health relief services to the affected population through - establishing and conducting medical camps for check-ups of the affected population, particularly the vulnerable groups of women (PLW) and girls, children, and PWDs and providing medicine, including anti-biotic, antenatal care, contraceptives, sanitary napkins, and other drugs; Provide hygiene/dignity kits to women and adolescent girls, and extend support for delivery for pregnant women and to address pregnancy-related complications and provide delivery kits to midwives in the target flood-affected areas. **Philip Morris International:** RSPN is partnering with Philip Morris International to provide relief assistance to flood-affected populations in Sindh. The main objective of the proposed interventions is "to mitigate the vulnerability of the flood-affected population and provide essential relief assistance to vulnerable groups in six target districts of Sindh. The proposed action supports relief efforts by providing food packages to the vulnerable and marginalised flood-affected groups in target districts. RSPN, with the support of the Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO), will undertake the community-level implementation of relief efforts.

#### Way Forward

It is pertinent to mention here that the severity of damage varies across districts; however, the majority of the basic/immediate needs are the same for every province/RSP. Moreover, RSPN is also coordinating with and has provided inputs to the concerned authorities for Post Disaster Need Assessment (PDNA). Meanwhile:

- RSPN and RSPs continue doing efforts in relief, early recovery and rehabilitation/reconstruction phases in rural and urban communities;
- RSPN/RSPs can assist federal and provincial governments, along-with international donors and humanitarian organisations in implementing large-scale relief, early recovery and rehabilitation/reconstruction programmes in the entire country;
- Focus would be on designing and implementing low-cost housing, livelihood rehabilitation/restoration (revive agriculture, promotion of self-employment and entrepreneurship, productive assets creation, market-oriented technical and skills trainings, improved access to financial services), construction of new and rehabilitation of community infrastructure around WASH in rehabilitation/reconstruction phase.



#### Women and Children Issues

The Gender Resource Group (GRG) was set up by RSPN at its inception. Its objective is for RSPs (mainly RSP Gender Focal Persons, but not limited to) to meet regularly to discuss programme and organisational priorities and issues, related to gender in the RSPs. The RSPN hosts meetings of the GRG every quarter. Agendas are set in a consultative manner and issues of priority are discussed. The agenda of the meeting held in September 2022 was to review gender/women issues in emergency flood situation in Pakistan. The GRG members of SRSP, SRSO, BRSP and NRSP participated in the meeting. RSPs gender focal persons have been part of relief activities and shared their observations regarding issues women and children facing in camps. Here are the mains highlights of the discussion.

**Gender issues in Flood emergency:** In the recent floods in Pakistan almost one million houses were damaged in the catastrophic floods. According to the UN agency, many women and girls were at an increased risk of gender-based violence (GBV). It has been reported that at least 650,000 pregnant women, of whom 73,000 are expected to deliver next month, in the flood-affected areas are in dire need of maternal health service. Over 1,000 health facilities are either partially or fully damaged in Sindh, whereas 198 health facilities are damaged in the affected districts in Balochistan. The damage to roads and bridges also compromised girls' and women's access to health facilities.

**Menstruation Health issues:** Due to the flood emergency in Pakistan, women are even more vulnerable and depressed. Their menstruation health is being disturbed i.e., getting periods before expected date, having heavy flow of bleeding. They don't have sufficient resources to manage their menstrual needs.

**Recommendations:** Menstruation kits to add in ration bags. The kit should include underwear, reusable cloth/pads, soap, surf. This would cost Rs. 800-1000 only.

**Safety and Security:** Most displaced people are sitting at roadsides on highways. There is no segregation of tents. At these sites, no latrines are available. Women and young girls can't sleep at night due to fear of their safety as most of their male family members are out looking for food, water and shelter. Muslim women in Tando Allah Yar (TAY) are still living in their damaged houses due to pardah. These houses still have stagnant water causing a variety of health hazards such as skin allergies, diarrhea, dengue, and other stomach infections due to stagnant water around them.

**Recommendations:** Separate safe spaces for women should be arranged to overcome safety and security issues. Organisations working in the field should ensure safeguarding of beneficiaries by reiterating their zero-tolerance policy to their staff. Latrines should be gender segregated and should be equipped with lights.

**Access to food and clean drinking water:** Field evidence indicates that women's access to food and water is less as compared to that of men as men tend to takeover food distribution points and/or vehicles.

**Recommendations:** Separate desk for women, girls, children and differently abled should be created to access food and water.

**Pregnant Women:** There are not enough medical camps for pregnant women. Pregnant women are vulnerable to delivering babies in the tents/camps without assistance. They don't have clothes for newborns, cord cutting equipments etc.

**Recommendations:** Delivery kits and newborn baby kits should be available at camps. Medical camps should have lady doctors and trained staff who can assist women in delivery.

**Gender based Violence:** In this emergency, GBV is known to increase due to the separation of family members, increased male responsibility for the distribution of goods, lack of opportunity for women to access food and services, lack of legal documents, lack of mechanisms to hear voices of women and children to consider the security. Media has also reported a case of gang rape of a flood-effected girl in Sindh. She reported that some people cornered her under the guise of ration.

Girls and children are more miserable and depressed in this flood emergency. They have lost their schools, friends are missing, books and bags have been swept away in the flood and their schools have been damaged and/or destroyed.

**Recommendations:** Organisations working in relief and rehabilitation should consider and prioritise gender-based violence prevention and response services, including medical and psychosocial support to survivors of GBV.

**Legal documents:** Most of the women and children have lost their CNIC and B forms. Women will need these documents while accessing relief and rehabilitation services.

**Recommendations:** The non-government organisations and RSPs should collect the data of women and children who have lost their CNIC and during relief work and connect with NADRA to reissue copies of their CNIC and B forms. Damage assessment should be gender disaggregated.

# HIGHLIGHTS SUCCESS Programme



As the SUCCESS programme closed its operations in the field in June 2022, the current major focus has been on highlighting the programme's impact on the lives of rural women of Sindh. For this purpose, the SUCCESS-RSPN team has compiled a coffee table book including 60 success stories of women beneficiaries who are living examples of the changes brought about by the SUCCESS programme. The book is set to be published in October 2022. Furthermore, to shed light on the achievements of women-led community institutions, 176 LSO initiatives have been published during July – September 2022. These LSO initiatives cover the major activities of each LSO and place special importance on external linkages formed by the community institutions with governmental and nongovernmental organisations. The SUCCESS programme has also participated in two talk shows on national media channels. The first talk show featured the CEO-RSPN, Ms. Shandana Khan, in a discussion about the response of Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) to mass floods across Pakistan. In the second talk show, the SUCCESS-Programme was represented by the community women activists to share their personal life-altering experiences with SUCCESS programme and the improvements brought by it. The recordings of the shows can be accessed at:

https://success.org.pk/index.ph p/video-gallery-category/mediacoverage/

During its seven years, the SUCCESS programme has implemented seven different components in the pursuit of achieving women empowerment and household poverty reduction. As the programme is headed towards its closing phase, SUCCESS-RSPN has conducted impact assessments of all programme components to identify the challenges and lessons learnt. During July – September 2022, two impact assessment studies were completed on the: a) Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) and b) Technical and Vocational Skills (TVST) components of the programme. The results of ALNS assessment study reflected a positive impact as learners displayed excellent performance alongside positively embedded supporting factors. ALNS component has been considered as a major

developmental intervention in promoting girls' education in rural areas of Sindh. The assessment study of TVST component revealed that despite the mobility challenges, 50% of the TVST beneficiaries have now sought some kind of skill-based employment channelling ways for the economic empowerment of rural women. The detailed reports for these assessment studies can be accessed at:

https://success.org.pk/index.ph p/research-category/reports/

### **Response of Community Institutions to mass Floods in Sindh**

Recently, Pakistan has been massively hit by floods affecting the fragile population of Pakistan, including rural Sindh. During these crucial times, the community Institutions (COs/VOs/LSOs) formed under the SUCCESS programme have shown their strength as LSO Jazbo from district Larkana took immediate measures to support their community members. Relying on their external linkages formed through the SUCCESS programme, the leaders of LSO Jazbo conducted meetings with relevant line departments and Assistant Commissioner of UC Bakarani, district Larkana for provision of relief support in their Union Council. With their efforts, 30 ration bags were distributed in the flood-affected area. In addition, the LSO leaders took it upon themselves to raise health and hygiene awareness among the flood victims. Due to the increased risk of diseases, they arranged a medical camp which supported the screening of 500 individuals for malaria and referred the 267 suspected cases to the nearby health facility. Furthermore, the LSO leaders placed high importance in arranging Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) kits for adolescent girls and women to maintain their dignity and navigate through these tough times with some ease.



# **BRACE** Programme

### Government of Balochistan meets the European Union **Delegation in Pakistan**

The Government of Balochistan and the European Union met in Quetta to jointly review the implementation of ongoing programmes in fields of education, local governance and community empowerment, agricultural and SMEs development and public finance management. The adaptation of some of the activities to respond to the flood emergency was also discussed. The EU remains a committed partner to the Government in pursuit of its development agenda.

Programme Manager Rural Development of the European Commission to Pakistan, Mr Ivan Borisavljevic also visited BRSP head office. He was briefed on the progress of social mobilisation, capacity building, creating livelihood opportunities and building infrastructure in the rural areas, under the Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment (BRACE) Programme funded by the European Union Delegation in Pakistan.



Reviewing the progrees of local governance and community empowerment under the BRACE Programme

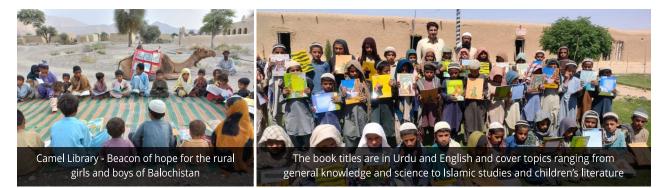


The GoB and EU meeting in Quetta to jointly review the implementation of ongoing programmes



Discussing social mobilisation, capacity building, livelihood opportunities and building infrastructure in the rural areas

### Camel Library: Bringing Hope and Books to t he Rural Children of Balochistan



The COVID-19 pandemic has changed everyone's definition of normal; our prior belief that work and schooling must take place in person has been completely challenged by the transition to remote learning and through the video-conferencing application, Zoom. Although illiteracy in Pakistan, as a whole, stands at 80% and growing, the literacy rate among rural women in Balochistan is bleaker. It is estimated that less than 2% of rural females in Balochistan are literate<sup>1</sup>.

Villages in rural Balochistan lack a stable internet connection, and in-person learning was canceled for more than a year. This has left education out of reach for children in the region, which already had the highest percentage of students out of school in the country. This is when an unusual hero came to the rescue: the camel library! Three days a week, underprivileged children in Balochistan have rare access to books through this unusual source.

The camel library is part of the innovative mobile library services, a one-of-its-kind education initiative utilising local transportation mediums and channels, including camels, boats, motorcycles, and rickshaws, to provide story books to the rural children. The titles are in Urdu and English and cover topics ranging from general knowledge and science to Islamic studies and children's literature.

As Pakistan is recovering from the devastating flood, coronavirus, and typhoid, educational activities across the country are yet to be fully restored. The camel library has been encouraging children to continue their studies and maintain their attachment to books.

Under the European Union-Funded Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment (BRACE) Programme, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed

between Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) and Alif Laila Book Bus Society. This partnership aims to rehabilitate the book-reading culture in the rural youth of districts Washuk, Khuzdar and Jhal Magsi by providing 8000 highquality books published in Urdu and regional languages. This low-cost intervention will be then replicated throughout the province.

So far, Local Support Organisation Sachan from district Khuzdar has distributed Urdu and Balochi storybooks to over 300 students!

The camel library is a beacon of hope for the rural girls and boys of Balochistan.

<sup>1</sup>Samina Naz (2003), "The Status of Female Education in Rural Balochistan," Impact: Making a difference, 290-297. Available at: https://ecommons.aku.edu/book\_chapters/48

### **Case Study:** A Dream Come True

The provision of Assistive Devices under BRACE Programme has changed the lives of dozens of Persons with Special Needs (PWSNs) in District Kech, Balochistan. Rather, the lives of these less privileged men and women have been completely transformed from being a burden on their families and society to becoming an economically active family members and useful citizens for society. They have been mainstreamed into normal life and are as privileged as any other person in their surroundings. This is not an insignificant change. It will have longlasting effects on families and society.

Abdul Razaq, 19, from a remote village Balgatar Fearozi Dasht in the Union Council Tijaban Turbat, Kech, is one of those PWSNs whose lives have been transformed by the BRACE Programme.



Abdul Razaq on hi tricycle outside Hoshab College

He was disabled in both legs due to a polio attack in his early childhood, and this disease devastated his entire future. His two elder brothers, too, were polio victims and disabled. He insisted on going to school when he was four. However, as they were poor and did not have any conveyance, his family refused to take him to school. But he was adamant and committed that he would not allow his disability to come his way. Seeing that he was determined to education, his parents and some other family members decided to arrange for him to take a donkey for a ride to school. He ended up in a government school and passed the Matriculation Exam with flying colours.

But he had another challenge now. He wanted to join a college in the nearest town Hoshab, some 38 kilometres away. However, the donkey ride was impossible this time due to the long distance.

Meanwhile, his mother, Mehnaz Mai, who is a member of CO Dar-e-Kund Balgather, heard the NRSP staff talking about the provision of assistive devices to the PWSNs with the support of BRACE Programme. She spoke to her fellow CO members, who backed her and approved a resolution to provide a tricycle to Abdul Razaq. so that he could continue his education and mainstream into normal life. This has been a turning point in the life of Abdul Razaq, as he has resumed his educational career by joining Boys Degree College, Hoshab.



Abdul Razaq is grateful to the EU-Funded BRACE Programme and NRSP, which have helped him to make his dreams come true. He says, "I had lost my hopes after completing school education after a great struggle and fighting with my disability, as well as poverty. I did not wish to live the rest of my life rotting at home and as a burden on my poor family. I was desperate to resume my education so that one day I could start a decent life and support my family. I am happy that I am no more disabled; I am as complete as anyone else because I am moving on my own and I am getting an education. The role of our community organisation has been instrumental in linking me with

social protection support. I can see a silver lining now. One day I shall pay back to my society which helped me at the very outset of my educational career when I struggled to begin my education".

# Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh – PINS ER3

The Programme for Improved Nutrition is being run in ten districts of Sindh. It aims to sustainably improve the nutritional status of children under five (U5) and of pregnant and lactating women (PLW) in support of the Government of Sindh's multi-sectoral plan Accelerated Action Plan (AAP) for the Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition in Sindh

## **Rainwater Harvesting**

Rainwater harvesting is the collection and storage of rain. In several village organisations, there needs to be more capacity for water storage. To address this need, partner RSPs proposed to develop water harvesting schemes per VO. In July 2022, 15 rainwater harvesting ponds were completed that allow villages to store water for agriculture, kitchen gardening, livestock, and other needs.

#### (2016-2026). This quarter showcased the progress of rain harvesting ponds for water storage, paddy –fish farm for additional production of rice and fish in a similar plot, our champion Community Livestock Extension Workers serving as front-line battlers during the lumpy skin disease outbreak and the successful trials of remote sensing

technology for better yield. Similarly, we also witnessed some heart-breaking scenes due to the massive devastation caused by the floods in Sindh. However, our community workers remained resilient in the calamity and not only continued their work but also extended their services in the camps of internally displaced persons.



### Paddy-fish Farming under PINS

To enable a diversified diet in the communities, three paddyfish farms were developed in the rice-producing districts of Sindh (Dadu, Kambar Shahdadkot, and Shikarpur). Paddy fish farms work by cultivating rice and fish in farm plot.

This "Green Revolution in Agriculture" intervention proved to be economically beneficial by producing 500 – 600 Kilograms of the additional yield of rice and 400 – 500 Kilograms of fish in once acre land area per crop season. Moreover, the fish in these plots feed on the aquatic immediate host malariacausing mosquito larvae, control water-borne diseases of humans, requires minimum use of fertilisers, save on labour cost and produce 100% organic rice and fish.



#### CLEWs going the extra mile during LSD (Lumpy Skin Disease) outbreak

Cattle farming is an important activity for an agrarian economy like Pakistan, where the livestock sector contributed approximately 61.9% to the value-added agriculture sector and 14% to the national GDP during 2021-22.

The Lumpy Skin Disease had spread in all parts of Sindh and threatened to annihilate the entire livestock population. Lack of awareness and inability to afford the costly vaccines jeopardised the treatment of these animals.

The trained cadre of CLEWs (Community Livestock Extension Workers) under PINS vaccinated an estimated number of 58,303 animals in ten districts of Sindh. A major achievement of this vaccination drive was that there were no new cases of Lumpy Skin Disease reported in Jamshoro, Dadu, Thatta, Sujawal and Tando Allahyar. The CLEWs also participated in ad-hoc vaccination camps set up by the government to provide first-aid and de-worming services.



A clew preparing to vaccinate a buffalo in Tando Allahyar

# RSPN partners with GrowTech to provide agricultural technology solutions to farmers in Sindh

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between RSPN and digital agriculture extension services provider GrowTech Services on 30th June 2022.

Under the MoU, RSPN and GrowTech will trial remote (satellite) sensing technology-based agricultural solutions with 200 farmers in ten districts of Sindh, to improve productivity and yield through its in-house developed GrowPak App. It will provide technical agricultural advisory support and capacity building to the selected farmers to modernise their crop cultivation techniques, reduce input costs, optimise water usage, increase yields and incomes, and boost local availability of food.

Subsequently, a workshop on "Empowering Small Farmers through Digital Agriculture Extension Services under PINS ER3" was held on



Workshop participants pose for a picture at the end of the workshop

August 17 and 19, 2022, at NRSP and SRSO Head Offices to educate and train the Agricultural Entrepreneurs on the usage of the GrowPak application to further cascade the learning to selected small scale farmers.

#### Sindh Flood Crises and PINS Community Workers Response

According to PDMA, the torrential rains in Sindh have displaced 7 million people and caused 747 causalities. Around 1.8 million houses have been destroyed, causing the flood victims to move into temporary tents with unhygienic and poor sanitary conditions.

Latifa, aged 27, is pregnant and living with her four children in an IDP camp in Manjhad, District Jamshoro, with limited access to basic services compounding the risk of major health crises. Her makeshift tent is crammed, badly lit and rife with the risk of water and vector-borne diseases.

With winters arriving soon and threats of high food insecurity looming, Latifa is worried about how to feed her children and keep them safe from diseases. In the face of such momentous difficulties, the cadre of community workers trained under PINS has extended their outreach services in IDP camps and distributed medicines for health security.

She states, "Nobody had come to our aid, and I was worried. However, because of this programme, I have received medicine, and so have my kids".



Latifa, along with her children holding medicine provided by a Community Health Worker (CHW) in an IDP camp Manjhand,District Jamshoro

Similarly, Rasheeda from UC Khanoth, Sehwan has been delivering sessions on women's health, hygiene, and sanitation in IDP camps. She says:

"I deliver sessions regularly in these camps as most of the people have now been displaced. It is difficult for me to reach these camps, but I have not abandoned my work and community. I hope my sessions can benefit the people and improve their health somehow".



A glimpse of the flood victims remainder belongings in an IDP camp in Lal Bagh, Sehwan-District Jamshoro

# Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh – ER 2 – Districts Dadu & Jamshoro

Rural Support Program Network (RSPN) under the European Union (EU) Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh, PINS-ER-2 at Dadu and Jamshoro, coins an integrated approach to providing immediate treatment for Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) to 6 to 59 months children and addresses underlying causes of malnutrition through social and behaviour change (SBCC) activities to minimise chances of developing moderate acute malnutrition which manifests in SAM if not intervened. The programme also caters to Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLWs) through screening and providing Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation with the support of implementing partners Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP) for outreach and Peoples' Primary Healthcare Initiatives (PPHI) for outpatient and inpatient treatment.

In districts Dadu and Jamshoro, a total of 93 Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) Sites, 791 Community Health Workers (CHW), and 2



Nutrition Stabilisation Centers (NSC) with trained technical staff are rendering services for screening the under five children and women, providing the Multiple Micronutrient Powder (MNP), Iron Folic Acid (IFA), and Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF); continuously conducting the sessions on a balanced diet, infant and young child feeding, and health and hygiene to help the community in the prevention and treatment of malnutrition.

Progress on Outputs	Achievement in Numbers
No. of Children (6-59 Mo) Screened	494027
No. of Children (6-59 Mo) Enrolled in OTP Referred by CHWs	7749
No. of Non SAM Children (6 to 23 Mo) Received MNP	55566
No. of PLW Screened	74524
Total PLW received IFA tablets	44114
Number of Children (6-59 Mo) Enrolled in OTP	32590
No. of Children dewormed	16724
No. of Children Cross-referred for Diarrhea	33261
No. of Cross-referrals to other health facilities for Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI)	23697
No. of cross-referrals to Expanded Programme for Immunization (EPI)	25854
Number of Cases Cured in OTP Sites	26248
No. of SAM Children with complications Admitted in NSC	1360
No. of Cured Children in NSC	1218

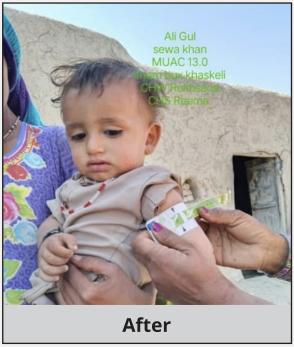
## Case Study: Community Health Worker Rukhsana saves Ali Gul's life through MUAC Screening

A child named Ali Gul resident of village Imam Bux Khaskheli from the cluster of TRDP deployed CHW Rukhsana, taluka Dadu, district Dadu was screened through Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) and fell into the category of SAM.

The CHW referred the case to the nearest health facility of implementing partner PPHI Sindh for immediate treatment of the child. The family of the child Ali Gul was reluctant and refused to get treatment at the OTP site established by PPHI. As a response, the TRDP team took the initiative along with CHW Rukhsana and conducted a separate session with the child's parents. The team also took support from the community institutions in the SUCCESS programme, such as COs/Vos, for the active enrollment of the child. The team also conducted community mobilisation sessions with the mother-to-mother and father-to-father support groups in the village and successfully got the child enrolled and then cured.

Currently, the family of the child Ali Gul is thankful to the programme team for taking necessary measures to save the life of the child, and the family is also encouraging other community members to avail the services CHW provides at their doorsteps.





## **PSI-Supported Family Planning Programme**



The PSI-Supported Family Planning Programme DAFPAK successfully completed its first phase from December 2017 to February 2022 and based on its performance against KPIs i.e. Couple Years of Protection (CYPs), Total Family Planning Users (TFP), number of Outreach Camps and Additional Users, PSI granted two more years cost extension to DAFPAK project. This is a 23-month project implemented by RSPN with the technical and financial assistance of Population Services International Pakistan, a grantee under Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan (DAFPAK). The program's vision is to grow the health market and the use of sexual & reproductive health products and services for poor and vulnerable rural communities. Considering the budgetary constraints, RSPN reduced its operations from ten districts to four districts of Punjab and Sindh. RSPN, working with its partner RSPs, National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), Punjab Rural Support (PRSP) and Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) to implement this programme in Toba Tek Singh, and Bahawalpur, Shikarpur and Kambar Shahdadkot. The programme, in its 23-month life, will target a total uncovered population of 1.4 million in these four districts.

During the reporting period, RSPN teams organised outreach health camps in far-flung rural areas. They achieved 120% in Couple Years of Protection (CYPs) during the quarter, while in log frame indicators, RSPN teams achieved 150% in additional users and 100% in District Technical Committee meeting participation. The major focus of service delivery teams was to capture follow up clients of condoms, oral pills and injectables. The teams also encouraged current users for long term methods through counseling.

It is known that Birth Spacing improves the maternal health, child survival and reduces the number of abortions. The interventions of DAFPAK during reporting quarter resulted in contributing the aversion of 14,344 unintended pregnancies, 10 maternal deaths, 8,700 abortions including 4,983 unsafe abortions and 9,042 Disability-Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) in the overall endeavours being made in Pakistan.

Impact of Floods Disaster 2022: In the recent flooding, two operational districts Shikarpur and Kamber Shahdadkot, were severely affected by the heavy rains/floods. Most of the project **Community Resource Persons** living in these areas had damaged houses, agriculture was destroyed, and livestock washed away. RSPN suspended its operations in these two districts for a short period which have now been restored, but some people are still displaced. In this situation, field teams of two districts showed their commitment to mother and child health. They started outreach medical and FP camps in intervention areas with the

logistic support of Ideate organisation. Meanwhile, the RSPN team approached to PSI Pakistan team to seek support in this calamity disaster situation, and PSI team extended their full cooperation and allocated additional funds for these two districts to provide 600 disposable delivery kits, 600 neonatal kits and 5000 menstrual hygiene management kits to the flood-affected women. To provide medical support/treatment to 12,000 clients in flood-affected areas PSI team provided 6 million rupees in funds for the procurement of generic medicines. RSPN and SRSO have started flood relief activities in district Shikarpur and Kamber Shahdadkot.

1.Health Impact (July 2022 – September 2022)	
Unintended pregnancies averted	14,344
Live births averted	4,046
Abortions averted	8,700
Maternal deaths averted	10
Child deaths averted	103
Unsafe abortions averted	4,983
Total DALYs averted	9,042
2. Married Woman of Reproductive Age (MWRAs) Referred by CRPs	1.3,225
3. Additional users Created	4,573

## **Case study** Giving The Community A Voice

On a swelteringly hot afternoon in the off-grid village Basti Allah Dittah, men and women dragged *charpais* - woven beds - along the yard of a small house. Curious goats tied to a post in the yard looked on, as did the tiny children playing with them. Once the *charpais* were set in place in the shade of the sole tree in the yard, the men and women got seated.

This was the community's Village Health Committee, a group of locals who mobilized themselves so they could discuss various health problems in their community. The leader, Muhammad Shafi, stood up and welcomed everyone present. "Salam to my brothers and sisters, and thank you for attending today's meeting. As you are all aware, we have been campaigning on the benefits of birth spacing for our community for almost a year now. Family planning methods have long been considered to be against Islamic teachings by those who are aware of their existence, which in our community has been a small minority. Our work has been focused on spreading a positive message on the benefits of birth spacing", he said.

At this point, Shafi sat back down onto the charpai, and the focus shifted to a young woman wearing a purple head cloth. "My name is Nadia Bibi, and I have been working as a CRP for about a year now. I have been trying to touch lives by helping women learn of their choices, but the message hasn't always been received very well by the other members of the family," she stressed. "And that is why your support is still needed. As you are aware, a short while ago I stumbled across a household in which the wife had borne 10 children, and was miserable. The husband and the rest of the family would not even entertain the notion of her having a conversation with me. They told me my work was unIslamic, and to leave. When I appealed here, Shafi Sahab went with me on my next visit and after speaking top the husband, managed to get me a sit-down with the woman. And a referral! She should be coming to the next camp," she said.

There were murmurs of approval at her pause, after which Nadia Bibi continued: "We still have a lot of work left to do, there are many households that we are still to convince." Following this, she promptly sat back down onto her space on the charpai. Two women, Igbal Bibi and Kausar Bibi, then collectively told the group they would accompany Nadia on her visits to help her garner support. The group nodded their heads in agreement, following which Shafi stood up and thanked everyone for coming, and their time. "I appreciate all your efforts to improve our community's wellbeing. We will continue to focus on spreading a positive message on birth spacing citing Islamic examples. We can use our future meetings to raise other concerns on our agenda as well, such as the quality of water we are getting in some of our wells."

# UNFPA-funded Community Engagement for Promotion of Reproductive Health Rights (RHR) in Youth and Improve Their Reproductive Health (RH) Access



Youth and adolescent reproductive health is a neglected and stigmatised issue in rural communities of Sindh. The impact of lack of reproductive rights awareness has resulted in low literacy, increased child labor, child marriages, early and high-risk pregnancies, and gender based violence. The Sehatmand Khandaan-Reproductive Health Rights (SMK-RHR) project has been working to increase awareness in communities about sexual and reproductive rights by promoting healthy dialogue, community mobilisation and policy change

on the district and provincial levels.

The project is currently being implemented in two districts of Sindh, Matiari and Kambar Shahdadkot, with the support of National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) and Sindh **Rural Support Organization** (SRSO) in total of seven Tehsils (04 in Kamber Shahdadkot and 03 in Matiari) and 18 Union councils. Adolescents and Youth of age 15-24 are selected by the Community Institutions (Cls) as Youth Champions to establish peer group networks, deliver awareness sessions on RHR Toolkit and begin

conversations on powerful and culturally sensitive topics such as early marriages, birth control, gender-based violence, puberty and reproductive health rights (for married youth), female education and child labor.

RHR Toolkit's awareness sessions and capacity building trainings have made the community institutions selfsufficient. So far 18 project staff from Kamber Shahdadkot and Matiari is trained on RHR Toolkit and 91 Local Support Organisation (LSO) members are trained out of 380.

#### **Communities Unite to Provide Key Services for Flood Relief Efforts**



In the past few months, youth champions, Village Organisations/Local Support Organisations (LSO), Key Community Influencers (KCIs) and other members of SRSO and NRSP united to provide services in flood-affected areas. The districtbased organisations also united each month for a District Coordination Committee Meeting (DCCM) which was attended by all local government and non-government institutions such as SRSO, RSPN, NRSP, LAS, AKU, Health Department, Population Department, Child Protection Department, and Social Welfare Department etc. All relevant departments have been gathering in these meetings to discuss pressing issues of the flood affectees and to provide communal support.



August 2022, Kambar Shahdadkot

During the emergency situation in August and September 2022, DCCMs was called to discuss the needs of flood victims, especially youth and women, and how each department could provide support.

To identify flood victims, and affected areas, an RNA (Rapid Need Assessment) was conducted in August, 2022 by PDMA and UNO in which Sehatmand Khandan project team and youth champions from Kamber Shahdadkot were nominated and trained to conduct the assessment. This assessment was used by all local organisations to plan food relief activities.



Data gathering for RNA by a Youth Champion in Qambar Shahdadkot

In September 2022, nine welfare medical camps were set up altogether in both target districts with the support of PPHI, Population Welfare Department, Chughtai lab, and Sindh Saqib Trust. A total of nearly 3400 patients were provided services in the medical camps, including pregnancy check-ups and menstrual hygiene products. All activities were conducted with support of community institutions and were facilitated by RHR Youth Champions, Key Community Influencers, LSOs, SRSO and NRSP.

The project has created a significant impact on the socio-cultural fabric of these districts in the past year and half of its workings in Matiari and Kamber Shahdadkot. SMK-RHR has empowered the communities in more than one way by not just increasing reproductive health awareness but also by helping local institutions be selfsufficient and uniting to open windows of opportunity for their own communities. Women and youth has raised their voice against societal pressures, resisted against child marriage and have constantly worked to spread awareness about issues that harm the younger generation. Their understanding of their bodily and societal rights has increased, and the taboo behind SRHR conversations has decreased.



Medical Camp for flood victims in Qambar Shahdadkot

## Case study A Step in the Right Direction

After becoming a part of the SMK project, mother Fehmida (VO member) and daughter Rabia (Youth Champion) learned key concepts under the umbrella of sexual and reproductive health and rights, and got access to family planning services. But the journey from gaining awareness to spreading it across their community was not an easy one.

"In our region, practices such as watta satta have been prevalent for years," recounts Fehmida, on describing the challenges that women and youth must face. "Two of my cousins, aged 14 to 16, were to be wed via watta satta, and pressure from the elders on setting a date increased as time passed." However, because of Fehmida's drive to educate her community through the SMK-RHR project, she convinced both mothers of her younger cousins and the community elders to delay this marriage until both adolescents were 18 years old.

Meanwhile, Youth Champion Rabia was trying to address the stigma that prevented girls from attending her sessions. With the help of her mother Fehmida, Rabia convinced the elders of the community to allow girls to attend sessions so that

Union Council: Odherolal Village Village Organisation: Khalifo Yar Muhammad Khan



they can negotiate and make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health.

"These sessions opened the eyes of our women and other members of our community," says Fehmida. They and her daughter remain adamant about educating her village on gender-based violence, early child marriages, and SRHR. Fehmida also stressed the urgency to continue the activities of the SMK project in more villages in her district to afford every child the knowledge, rights and services they are entitled to.

# **Balanced Energy Protein Rural Market Test**

RSPN's BEP Pakistan Rural Market Test is a two-year project funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and implemented by RSPN in partnership with NRSP and SRSO. The other partners are Hystra, BoP Inc., Hudson Pharma, Centre for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP) and Mathematica. The project is being implemented in two districts: Bahawalpur in Punjab and Kambar Shahdadkot, Sindh.

The purpose of the project is to increase availability of nutritious, high-protein supplements to Pakistan's poorest populations, targeting pregnant and lactating women, to improve their nutritional status and subsequently reduce stunting amongst children.

The rural market test seeks to test the potential uptake and consumption frequency of Wellma (the nutrition supplement), as well as its impact on the nutritional status of PLWs, when sold via private channels at a subsidised price, with a minimum recommended price of PKR 30 per sachet (based on estimated willingness to pay in rural areas). This would ultimately be viewed as the costeffectiveness of such an approach vs. a fully subsidised strategy.

For the pilot/pivot phase (Jan-June 2022), 50 Community Resource Persons (CRPs) (25 in Bahalwapur and 25 in Kamber Shahdadkot) were engaged in the project. They were tasked with carrying out the registration of MWRAs and PLWs; conducting group meetings to raise awareness regarding the product, along with debunking myths and misconceptions attached to nutritional products for PLWs. They are also responsible for conducting household visits to sell Wellma.

#### Activities between July 2022-September 2022

The second Steering Committee Meeting was held in July 2022 in Islamabad, in which all partners, including BMGF, RSPN, CERP, Hystra, Hudson Pharma, and Mathematica, participated. After a thorough review of RSPN's performance, BMGF agreed for RSPN to move forward with the implementation of activities for the scale-up of the project.

However, due to heavy monsoon rainfall and devastating floods in Pakistan, these activities were slightly delayed, especially for Kamber Shahdadkot. As per the agreed targets, 75 CRPs were identified, hired and trained in Bahawalpur, but only 45 CRPs in Kamber Shahdadkot were taken on board. The remaining 30 CRPs will be identified and trained in October 2022.

RSPN launched Wellma in 75 new clusters in Bahawalpur between September 20 to 24, 2022 which was very successful – 75 CRPs sold a total of 5794 sachets on their respective launch days. Between July and September, CRPs sold 37,768 wellma sachets to pregnant and lactating women.

Keeping in view the destruction caused by floods in Kamber Shahdadkot, BMGF requested RSPN to reallocate a portion of funds towards rehabilitation of CRPs and district staff that were adversely affected by floods. Funds were apportioned for the distribution of food baskets worth Rs. 20,000 for CRPs in both target districts. Moreover, cash grants for CRPs and district staff of Kamber Shahdadkot have been approved for partially and completely damaged houses and will be released after the internal damage assessment is conducted by the SRSO team.

## Case study Journey to Wellness



of her third child. Since then, she has been an improvement in her overall health

Maria Shabeer, a resident of Rangpur Village in Bahawalpur, belongs to a poor family and has three children. Her husband is a cook and earns Rs. 15,000 a month. As there was no birth spacing between her children, she had become very weak and was often sick. Frequent visits to the doctor resulted in Maria spending a lot of money on her medication and became a cause of contention between her and her husband.

While breastfeeding her third child, Maria's health further deteriorated. She could not nurse her child frequently, who in turn, was not gaining weight.

Community Resource Person (CRP), under the Balanced Energy Protein Rural Market Test project, Nisha Nazar invited Maria and her mother-in-law for a community meeting. Although reluctant to attend, Maria was forced by her mother-in-law to go with her and participate in the meeting. During the session, CRP explained the reasons for malnutrition and its effects on the mother and baby. Maria claimed that when she heard Najma's story, it seemed as if she was listening to the tale of her pregnancy journey. CRP then introduced Wellma and explained its benefits.

Later that night, Maria told her husband about Wellma who asked Maria to buy it. Maria started consuming Wellma in May. A few days later, Maria felt better – her energy levels were up and she didn't feel as tired as she did before; her previously pale complexion also improved. She also had enough energy to breastfeed her child often and her mother's feed also increased. Maria again conceived in July and is consuming Wellma regularly.

# Community Mobilisation and Demand Creation for Increased Uptake of COVID-19 Vaccination

John Snow International under its USAID-funded Integrated Health System Strengthening and Service Delivery (IHSS-SD) Activity joined hands with provincial health departments for the project "Community Mobilisation and Demand Creation for Increased Uptake of COVID-19 Vaccination" in 15 targeted districts (09 from KP and 07 from Sindh).

The project began in March 2022 and was completed successfully in September 2022. It was implemented by RSPN in partnership with three Rural Support Programmes, namely National Rural Support Programme, Sarhad Rural Support Programme and Sindh Rural Support Organization. RSPN mobilisation activities were carried out in 10 lowperforming/coverage Union Councils of each district.

The project's objective was to create demand for COVID-19 vaccination (second and booster dose included) within the unvaccinated communities through social mobilisation support. It included advocacy with key influencers to mobilise the community, identification, and referrals of the unvaccinated population to vaccination centres.

The community institutions (Community Organisations, Village Organisations and Local Support Organisations) fostered by the three RSPs played a critical role in mobilising the community to raise awareness regarding the importance of the COVID-19 vaccination, identification and engagement of the Local Female Community Mobilisers (LFCMs) and working with other community-based organisations in urban and rural communities.

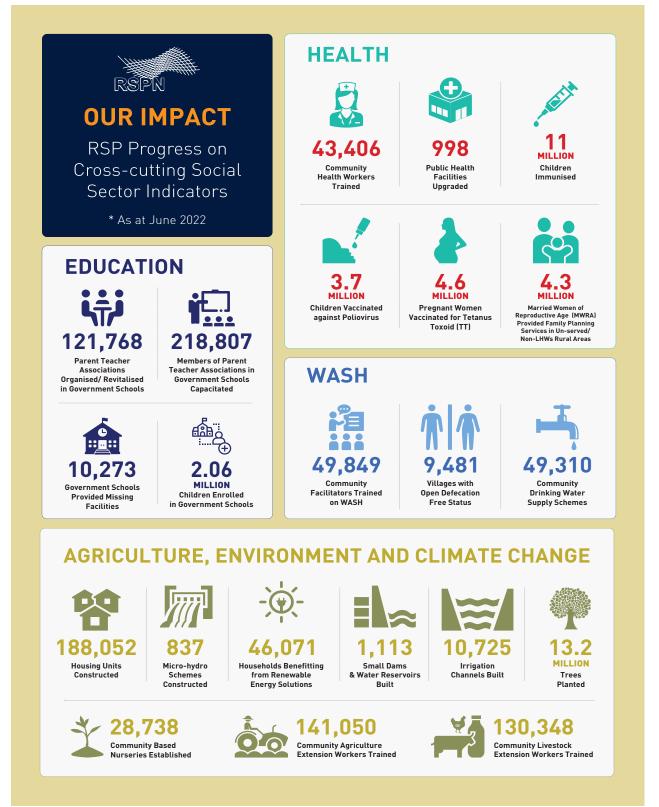


Awareness Session in School GBLSS - Village Ghanwar Mehar -UC Gohram Mari - District Nawabshah

Meeting with Religious Leader Jamia Masjid Mufti Abad UC City 1 - District Mansehra

- Total Community Institutions Engaged, 154
- 344 LFCMs conducted 3,503 sessions, raising awareness among 40,736 people
- RSP-hired social mobilisation teams conducted 10,257 sessions raising awareness amongst 194,970 people (126,246 male, 68,724 Females)
- Total Population reached through various activities 4,064,635
- Vaccination facilitated to 376,122 people at the doorstep

## OVERVIEW, MAP & DATA



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#### OUR SOCIAL MOBILISATION OUTREACH

## 520,391

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS (56% WOMEN ONLY COs)

# 8,599,566

ORGANISED RURAL HOUSEHOLDS

## 8,945,008

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION MEMBERS (56% WOMEN MEMBERSHIP)

152 DISTRICTS WITH RSP PRESENCE

## 4,655

RURAL UNION COUNCILS WITH RSP PRESENCE

## 32,864

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS (66% WOMEN ONLY VOs) FEDERATED IN

# 2,451

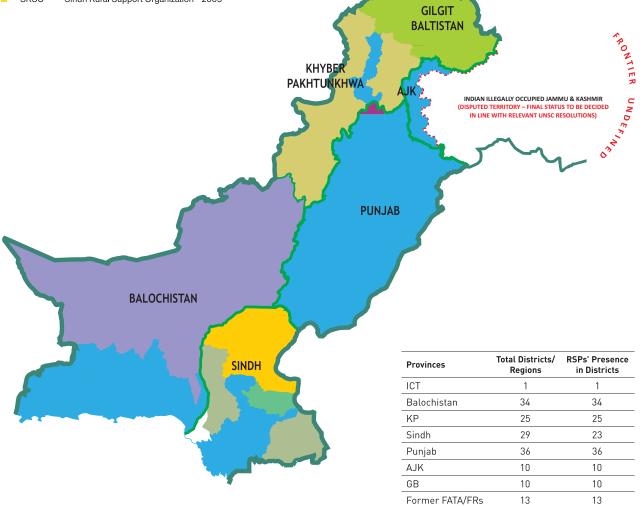
LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS (1,132 - 46% WOMEN ONLY LSOs)

#### Summary of Local Support Organisations (LSOs) as of 30 June 2022

			Pro	ovince/Ad	ministrative U	Inits		
		AJ&K	Balochistan	GB	KP	Punjab (Incl. ICT)	Sindh	Total
1	Aga Khan RSP	-	-	63	20	-	-	83
2	Balochistan RSP	-	218	-	-	-	-	218
7	Ghazi Barotha Taraqiati Idara	-	-	-	6	10	-	16
3	National RSP	159	109	-	63	415	170	916
4	Punjab RSP	-	-	-	-	305	-	305
9	Sindh Graduate Association	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
8	Sindh Rural Support Organisation	-	-	-	-	-	582	582
5	Sarhad RSP	-	-	-	187	-	-	187
6	Thardeep Rural Development Programme	-	-	-	-	-	143	143
	Total	159	327	63	276	730	896	2,451

#### 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
- BRSP Balochistan Rural Support Programme 2001
- SGA Sindh Graduates Association 2002
- SRSO Sindh Rural Support Organization 2003



RSPs are present in 152 districts.

158

152

Total



Rural Support Programn	nes (RSPs) in Pakistan	, Cumulative	Progress a	s of June 20	122							
Indicat	ors	AJKRSP+	AKRSP	BRSP	GBTI	NRSP	PRSP	SGA	SRS0	SRSP	TRDP	Total
# of RSP working districts/a	ireas**	8	11	29	3	61	21	1	14	37	4	152
# of rural union councils wit	h RSP presence*	136	119	319	22	2,452	806	13	726	795	202	4,655
# of organised households		102,320	120,829	344,951	44,341	3,579,961	1,539,614	16,500	1,400,293	1,054,568	396,189	8,599,566
# of Local Support Organisa	tions (LSOs)	-	83	218	16	916	305	1	582	187	143	2,451
# of Village Organisations (V	′0s)	-	2,833	6,637	87	10,299	3,745	-	13,790	2,702	2,387	42,480
	Women COs	1,577	2,211	12,347	1,901	107,587	41,714	410	75,722	30,158	16,623	290,250
# of Community	Men COs	2,138	3,024	21,560	1,437	105,298	54,872	450	2,383	14,327	5,775	211,264
Organisations (COs) formed	Mix COs	1,035	-	16	-	16,024	-	-	40	-	1,763	18,878
	Total	4,750	5,235	33,923	3,338	228,908	96,586	860	78,145	44,485	24,161	520,391
	Women	44,063	87,174	185,205	31,909	2,013,660	662,001	10,845	1,362,076	323,764	318,243	5,038,940
# of CO members	Men	58,257	128,625	323,400	26,560	1,566,301	903,191	11,348	38,662	730,804	118,920	3,906,068
	Total	102,320	215,799	508,605	58,469	3,579,961	1,565,192	22,193	1,400,738	1,054,568	437,163	8,945,008
	Women	24	146	-	5	237	70	-	236	48	86	852.1
Amount of savings of COs (Rs. Million)	Men	12	390	-	6	1,308	67	1	7	112	123	2,025.4
	Total	36	536	-	10	1,544	137	1	243	160	209	2,877.5
# . f	Women	10,954	20,322	248,046	4,528	2,307,995	226,610	4,830	363,205	146,807	179,984	3,513,281
# of community members trained in managerial skills	Men	6,385	16,049	282,974	4,916	1,321,375	267,337	4,830	35,738	242,603	71,147	2,253,354
(CMST/LMST/etc.)	Total	17,339	36,371	531,020	9,444	3,629,370	493,947	9,660	398,943	389,410	251,131	5,766,635
# . C	Women	-	55,457	55,987	13,297	618,368	45,971	-	99,481	61,701	22,837	973,099
# of community members trained in vocational &	Men	-	27,345	28,130	4,302	623,546	58,324	-	3,855	84,950	3,926	834,378
technical skills	Total	-	82,802	84,117	17,599	1,241,914	104,295	-	103,336	146,651	26,763	1,807,477
	# of LSOs managing CIF	6	16	159	8	498	2	-	216	-	100	1,005
	# of VOs managing CIF	-	-	151	7	69	34	-	4,532	355	740	5,888
Community Investment	CIF Men Borrowers	547	1,533	2,782	7	33,264	872	-	-	308	-	39,313
Fund (CIF)	CIF Women Borrowers	-	2,558	2,792	1,272	200,163	5,290	-	332,435	61,610	72,024	678,144
	# of CIF borrowers	547	4,091	5,574	1,279	233,427	6,162	-	332,435	61,918	72,024	717,457
	Total amount of CIF disbursed (Rs. million)	16	20	112	28	4,787	115	-	4,801	804	1,508	12,192.0
	Women	79	195	-	3,826	207,144	10,120.99	-	19,738	1,173	5,488	247,765
Amount of micro-credit disbursement (Rs. Million)	Men	59	834	-	508	109,754	12,297	-	1,948	123	5,494	131,016
	Total	138	1,030	-	4,333	316,898	22,418	-	21,686	1,296	10,982	378,781.22
	Women	4,764	74,827	5,596	152,367	6,883,657	545,204	-	812,751	69,731	370,088	8,918,985
# of loans	Men	3,217	546,334	3,815	18,653	4,118,746	687,341	-	82,957	10,691	290,896	5,762,650

Indicato	rs	AJKRSP+	AKRSP	BRSP	GBTI	NRSP	PRSP	SGA	SRS0	SRSP	TRDP	Total
	Women	-	74,813	-	125,783	3,846,210	-	-	975,288	5,834	251,205	5,279,133
# of health micro insurance schemes	Men	-	546,311	-	14,222	2,989,063	-	-	50,314	21,566	139,671	3,761,147
_	Total	-	621,124	-	140,005	6,835,273	-	-	1,025,602	27,400	390,876	9,040,280
# of PPI/CPI schemes complet	ed	1,637	6,783	2,567	799	39,569	6,360	16	40,365	11,795	64,881	174,772
# of beneficiary households of	completed CPIs	100,347	432,631	328,712	29,889	1,784,494	674,798	-	278,484	2,509,954	384,130	6,523,439
Total cost of completed CPIs (F	Rs. Million)	636	4,996	2,296	434	13,355	1,639	20	2,973	12,406	2,054	40,809
# of community schools establ	ished	355	867	165	17	545	80	25	19	116	114	2,303
_	Girls	11,370	2,900	4,900	1,354	9,852	1,946	3,526	1,488	2,646	1,947	41,929
# of students enrolled	Boys	9,922	7,375	9,490	1,284	10,537	1,752	5,110	3,963	3,262	707	53,402
_	Total	21,292	10,275	14,390	2,638	20,389	3,698	8,636	5,451	5,908	2,654	95,331
	Women	-	20,000	9,810	540	27,222	-	=	-	5,126	19,444	82,142
# of adults graduated in adult literacy	Men	-	-	-	376	5,078	-	-	-	722	198	6,374
_	Total	-	20,000	9,810	916	32,300	-	-	-	5,848	19,642	88,516
# of traditional birth —	Women	31	1,243	2,929	95	3,153	8,442	410	196	1,066	982	18,547
attendants / health workers trained	Men	-	÷	1,335	-	÷	1,770	-	=	467	675	4,247
uameu –	Total	31	1,243	4,264	95	3,153	10,212	410	196	1,533	1,657	22,794

#### Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) in Pakistan, Cumulative Progress as of June 2022

Note: \* This RSP quarterly SM outreach is fully aligned with the population and household census of 2017 where all districts' 1998 and PSC census data replaced with the latest rural household numbers in all districts except districts of AJK and GB as PBS still not released the census results.

Note: \*\* The 152 districts include all Newly Merged Districts [NMDs] of KP province were previously known as FATA agencies and FR areas. These newly merged districts will be integrated in to the KP province once the UC and district level PBS census 2017 is available.

\* The total figure for districts/areas and union councils excludes 37 overlapping districts (presence of multiple RSP) and 935 overlapping union councils.

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

# Overall 37 UCs coverage increased during reporting period ie Apr-Jun 2022. SRS0 aligned its SM outreach with the GoS-PPRP and EU-SUCCESS Programmes where over-reporting of UCs and households has been resolved in former reporting period.

		Tatal munal	Union C	ouncils Ha		Total rural	Hous	eholds Orga	nised	Community	Organisati	ons Formed			
S.		Total rural and Peri-		Presence		HHs in the District (2017			%		-		# of Village	# of LSOs	
з. No.	Name of District	Urban UCs in the District	# as of Mar 2022			Population & Households Census)	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	coverage as of Jun 2022	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% increase during Qtr	Organisations (VOs) as of Jun 2022	as of Jun 2022	RSF
SLAMABA	D														
1 ICT		15	15	15	100	165,246	33,684	33,684	20	1,866	1,866	-	66	5	NRS
1	Sub Total ICT	15	15	15	100	165,246	33,684	33,684	20	1,866	1,866	-	66	5	
BALOCHIST	TAN														
1 Awar	an	12	12	12	100	13,881	11,472	11,472	83	690	690	-	72	5	NRS
2 Bark	han	8	-	-	-	24,347	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	-	BRS
3 Bolar	n	27	1	1	4	25,868	2,434	2,434	9	109	109	-	7	1	BRS
4 Chag	ihi	10	1	1	10	29,060	767	767	3	40	40	-	-	-	BRS
5 Cham	nan	16	16	16	100	34,631	28,529	28,529	82	2,709	2,709	-	505	16	BRS
6 Dera	Bugti	12	2	2	17	32,312	2,246	2,246	7	168	168	-	35	1	BRS
7 Gawa	ədar	22	22	22	100	17,275	36,326	36,326	210	1,909	1,909	-	146	15	NRS
8 Duki		16	16	16	100	20,952	12,430	12,430		1,172	1,172		450	16	BRS
9 Harn	ai	10	-	-	-	13,031	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRS
10 Jhal	Magsi	12	12	12	100	23,791	11,837	11,837	50	1,780	1,780	-	405	12	BRS
11 Jaffa	rabad	46	38	38	83	56,023	2,445	2,445	4	163	163	-	234	3	BRS
12 Kalla	at	18	15	15	83	45,654	28,829	28,829	63	1,870	1,870	-	36	-	BRS
13 Kech	ı / Turbat	43	43	43	100	91,658	81,265	81,304	89	4,760	4,764	0	547	54	NR
14 Khar	an	7	7	7	100	18,370	15,739	15,739	86	943	943	-	115	7	BRS
15 Khuz	dar	40	40	40	100	81,296	59,311	59,311	73	6,780	6,780	-	1,341	37	BRS
16 Killa	Abdullah	20	20	20	100	43,288	31,100	31,100	72	2,943	2,943	-	513	18	BRS
17 Killa	Saifullah	15	15	15	100	43,574	19,117	19,117	44	1,225	1,225	-	163	-	BRS
18 Kohlu	u	8	-	-	-	24,676	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRS
19 Lasb	ella	28	28	28	100	53,904	47,069	47,069	87	2,934	2,934	-	331	20	NRS
20 Lehri	i	6	-	-	-	16,143	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRS
21 Loral	lai	20	20	20	100	26,191	19,808	19,808	76	1,739	1,739	-	542	20	BRS
22 Mast	ung	13	13	13	100	33,781	18,831	18,831	56	1,389	1,389	-	92	4	BRS
23 Musa	a Khel	10	-	-	-	22,728	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRS
24 Nase	eerabad	24	-	-	-	53,999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRS
25 Nosh	nki	10	1	1	10	17,023	60	60	0	4	4	-	-	-	BRS
26 Panjo	goor	22	22	22	100	31,590	23,844	23,844	75	1,373	1,373	-	175	15	NRS
27 Pishi		53	53	53	100	102,304	51,372	51,372	50	5,447	5,447	-	793	50	BR
28 Quett	ta	47	5	5	11	148,093	2,402	2,402	2	188	188	-	8	-	BR
29 Shera	ani	7	7	7	100	21,213	2,520	2,520	12	118	118	-	-	-	BRS
30 Sibi		11	-	-	-	11,278	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRS
31 Sohb	arpur	10	-	-	-	28,359	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRS
32 Wash	nuk	10	10	10	100	27,517	14,272	14,272	52	1,535	1,535	-	359	9	BR
33 Zhob	1	24	24	24	100	39,094	20,314	20,314	52	3,551	3,551	-	970	24	BR
34 Ziara	at	10	3	3	30	28,308	588	588	2	50	50	-	-	-	BR
34	Sub Total Balochistan	647	446	446	69	1,301,212	534,995	544,966	42	45,589	45,593	0	7,908	327	

		Total rural	Union C	ouncils Ha Presence		Total rural	Hous	eholds Orga	nised	Community	Organisatio	ons Formed			
S. No.	Name of District	and Peri- Urban UCs in the District	# as of Mar 2022	# as of	% coverage	HHs in the District (2017 Population & Households Census)	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% coverage as of Jun 2022	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% increase during Qtr	+ of Village Organisations (VOs) as of Jun 2022	# of LSOs as of Jun 2022	RSI
KHYBER PAKHT	UNKHWA (KP)														
1 Abbottaba	d	54	51	51	94	171,369	51,405	51,405	30	2,178	2,178	-	156	16	SRS
2 Bannu		49	4	4	8	113,735	1,224	1,224	1	72	72	-	-	-	SRS
3 Battagran	ı	20	20	20	100	69,525	35,657	35,657	51	1,502	1,502	-	118	10	SR
4 Buner		27	10	10	37	94,095	12,092	12,092	13	681	681	-	71	3	NR
4 Buner (ov	erlapping)	27	21	21	78	94,095	36,193	36,193	38	1,411	1,411	-	166	9	SR
5 Charsadd	a	49	28	28	57	183,437	13,623	13,623	7	917	917	-	8	2	NR
5 Charsadd	a (overlapping)	49	47	47	96	183,437	39,410	39,410	21	1,661	1,661	-	47	7	SR
6 Chitral		24	24	24	100	54,556	36,005	36,005	66	1,808	1,808	-	986	20	AKF
6 Chitral (o	verlapping)	24	24	24	100	54,556	61,950	61,950	114	2,626	2,626	-	150	14	SR
7 Dir Upper		32	32	32	100	114,259	84,473	84,473	74	3,564	3,564	-	148	8	SR
8 Dir Lower		41	41	41	100	150,723	60,858	60,858	40	2,580	2,580	-	50	3	SR
9 D.I.Khan		47	5	5	11	150,220	1,771	1,771	1	93	93	-	-	-	SR
10 Hangu		19	19	19	100	38,155	12,046	12,046	32	510	510	-	-	-	SR
11 Haripur		45	4	4	9	143,167	8,030	8,030	6	780	780	-	14	3	GE
11 Haripur (	overlapping)	45	2	2	4	143,167	5,039	5,039	4	325	325	-	22	-	NF
11 Haripur (	overlapping)	45	45	45	100	143,167	37,376	37,376	26	1,591	1,591	-	268	25	SR
12 Karak		21	21	21	100	67,784	47,452	47,452	70	2,005	2,005	-	68	5	SR
13 Kohat		32	32	32	100	85,581	75,077	75,077	88	3,168	3,168	-	35	5	SR
14 Kohistan		38	38	38	100	101,911	60,774	60,774	60	2,564	2,564	-	68	6	SR
15 Lakki Mar	wat	33	22	22	67	87,009	1,871	1,871	2	91	91	-	-	-	SR
16 Malakand	P.A	36	36	36	100	82,892	47,970	47,970	58	3,040	3,040	-	101	14	NF
16 Malakand	P.A (overlapping)	36	28	28	78	82,892	41,351	41,351	50	1,673	1,673	-	171	6	SR
17 Mansehra		59	55	55	93	217,494	91,487	91,487	42	3,868	3,868	-	283	16	SR
18 Mardan		75	54	54	72	252,486	80,374	80,374	32	5,418	5,418	-	112	19	NF
18 Mardan (c	verlapping)	75	20	20	27	252,486	43,513	43,513	17	1,840	1,840	-	229	10	SR
19 Nowshera	(overlapping)	48	18	18	38	152,066	10,091	10,091	7	546	546	-	36	3	NF
19 Nowshera	1	48	10	10	21	152,066	20,379	20,379	13	860	860	-	47	7	SR
20 Peshawar		67	32	32	48	253,787	20,547	20,547	8	868	868	-	45	7	SR
21 Shangla		28	28	28	100	89,695	86,619	86,619	97	3,546	3,546	-	187	8	SR
22 Swabi		55	6	6	11	177,254	12,076	12,076	7	854	854	-	32	3	GE
22 Swabi (ov	erlapping)	55	43	43	78	177,254	71,726	71,726	40	4,169	4,169	-	166	21	NR
23 Swat		67	25	25	37	189,173	9,627	9,627	5	591	591	-	8	1	NR
23 Swat (over	rlapping)	67	67	67	100	189,173	95,564	95,564	51	3,937	3,937	-	394	13	SR
24 Tank		16	6	6	38	37,317	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SR
25 Torghar		16	4	4	25	26,464	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	SR
25	Sub Total KP	998	765	765	77	3,104,154	1 010 / 50	1,313,650	42	61,337	61,337		4,186	264	

		Total rural	Union C	ouncils Ha Presence		Total rural	Hous	eholds Orga	nised	Community	Organisati	ons Formed	# of Villago		
S. No.	Name of District	and Peri- Urban UCs in the District	# as of Mar 2022		% coverage as of Jun 2022	HHs in the District (2017 Population & Households Census)	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% coverage as of Jun 2022	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% increase during Qtr	- # of Village Organisations (VOs) as of Jun 2022	# of LSOs as of Jun 2022	RSF
SIND	н														
1	Badin	79	79	79	100	282,574	197,365	197,365	70	7,897	7,897	-	329	22	NRS
1	Badin (overlapping)	79	68	68	86	282,574	148,612	148,612	53	8,524	8,524	-	951	62	SRS
2	Dadu	66	66	66	100	217,340	135,323	135,323	62	6,605	6,605	-	734	66	TRD
3	Ghotki	66	66	66	100	223,706	120,767	120,767	54	6,961	6,961	-	1,118	20	SRS
4	Hyderabad	37	12	12	32	71,523	11,979	11,979	17	725	725	-	-	-	NRS
5	Jacobabad	40	29	29	73	125,341	84,893	84,893	68	5,074	5,074	-	1,811	27	SRS
6	Jamshoro	30	30	30	100	103,199	52,321	52,321	51	3,189	3,189	-	342	28	TRD
7	Karachi Central	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8	Karachi East	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	Karachi South	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10	Karachi West	6	-	-	-	44,051	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13	Korangi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15	Malir	51	-	-	-	149,820	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11	Kashmore	37	37	37	100	140,872	80,345	80,345	57	4,710	4,710	-	1,673	29	SRS
12	Khairpur	88	88	88	100	280,079	188,170	188,170	67	10,204	10,231	0	1,155	86	SRS
14	Larkana	47	47	47	100	140,795	74,135	74,135	53	3,454	3,454	-	574	47	SRS
16	Matiari	30	30	30	100	110,382	53,651	53,651	49	2,878	2,878	-	244	30	NRS
17	Mirpur Khas	60	60	60	100	209,861	107,833	107,833	51	5,326	5,326	-	254	15	NRS
17	Mirpur Khas (overlapping)	60	55	55	92	209,861	108,770	108,770	52	6,340	6,349	0	793	55	SRS
18	Naushero Feroz	51	43	43	84	212,073	14,325	14,325	7	796	796	-	214	5	SRS
19	Nawabshah	51	27	27	53	210,984	3,092	3,092	1	564	564	-	-	-	NRS
20	Shahdad Kot	52	52	52	100	155,051	101,747	101,747	66	4,682	4,682	-	677	52	SRS
	Sanghar	73	13	13	18	270,891	16,500	16,500	6	860	860	-	-	1	SG.
	Sanghar (overlapping)	73	73	73	100	270,891	147,456	148,616	55	7,899	7,933	0	1,056	73	SRS
	Shikarpur	51	50	50	98	155,902	102,306	102,306	66	5,846	5,846		1,813	39	SRS
	Sujawal	37	37	37	100	136,397	68,760	68,788	50	3,736	3,750	0	352	37	NRS
	Sukkur	46	37	37	80	135,906	34,911	41,708	31	2,098	2,567	22	400	6	SRS
	Tando Allahyar	26	26	26	100	114,105	56,870	56,870	50	2,881	2,881		252	26	NRS
	Tando Muhammad Khan	28	28	28	100	103,853	51,377	51,377	49	2,846	2,846		285	28	NRS
	Tharparkar	64	64	64	100	274,691	160,365	160,365	58	11,516	11,516		1,104	44	TRE
	Thattha	44	46	46	105	152,881	68,283	68,283	45	3,770	3,770	-	116	12	NRS
	Thattha (overlapping)	44	40	41	93	152,881	93,627	93,627	61	5,670	5,670	-	801	41	SRS
	Umer Kot (Overlapping)	43	13	13	30	163,551	4,672	4,672	3	228	228	-	-	-	NRS
	Umer Kot (Overlapping)	43	40	40	93	163,551	91,032	92,272	56	5,348	5,348	-	754	40	SRS
	Umer Kot	43	40	40	98	163,551	48,180	48,180	29	2,851	2,851		207	5	TRE
23	Sub Total Sindh	1,203	1,069	1,069	89	4,185,828			27	2,001	2,001	- 0	207	5	INL

		Total rural	Union C	ouncils Ha Presence		Total rural	Hous	eholds Orga	nised	Community	Organisatio	ons Formed			
S. No.	Name of District	and Peri- Urban UCs in the District	# as of Mar 2022	# as of	%	HHs in the District (2017 Population & Households Census)	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% coverage as of Jun 2022	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% increase during Qtr	<ul> <li># of Village</li> <li>Organisations</li> <li>(VOs) as of</li> <li>Jun 2022</li> </ul>	# of LSOs as of Jun 2022	RSI
NUV	JAB														
1	Attock	65	12	12	18	228,435	24,235	24,235	11	1,704	1,704	-	41	10	GB
1	Attock (overlapping)	65	62	62	95	228,435	82,894	83,246	36	5,059	5,087	1	198	26	NR
2	Bahawalnagar	101	96	96	95	379,449	234,524	234,524	62	16,713	16,713	-	940	67	NR
3	Bahawalpur	97	81	86	89	392,678	292,730	292,730	75	19,670	19,670	-	1,049	65	NR
4	Bhakkar	42	38	38	90	226,306	178,577	178,577	79	13,174	13,174	-	274	35	NR
5	Chakwal	68	68	68	100	217,585	73,149	73,225	34	4,140	4,145	0	164	24	NR
6	Chiniot (Overlapping)	42	33	33	79	150,625	4,640	4,640	3	402	402	-	-	-	NR
6	Chiniot*	42	-	-	-	150,625	1,069	1,069	1	60	60	-	-	-	PR
7	D G Khan	55	53	53	96	270,524	293,930	293,930	109	15,280	15,331	0	867	32	NR
7	D G Khan (overlapping)*	55	-	-	-	270,524	20,260	20,260	7	1,302	1,302	-	-	-	PR
8	Faisalabad	82	82	82	100	631,434	80,005	80,005	13	5,554	5,554	-	175	15	PR
9	Gujranwala (overlapping)	97	59	59	61	301,072	3,509	3,509	1	325	325	-	-	-	NR
9	Gujranwala	97	62	62	64	301,072	64,348	64,348	21	3,582	3,582	-	94	-	PR
10	Gujrat	87	37	37	43	308,668	67,346	67,346	22	4,511	4,511	-	230	17	PR
11	Hafiz Abad (overlapping)*	40	31	31	78	114,058	9,510	9,510	8	847	847	-	-	-	NF
11	Hafiz Abad	40	22	22	55	114,058	42,857	42,857	38	2,794	2,794	-	153	11	PR
12	Jhang	79	35	35	44	332,134	39,149	39,149	12	2,895	2,895	-	119	11	PR
13	Jhelum	50	42	42	84	145,783	55,614	55,731	38	2,901	2,909	0	83	5	NR
14	Kasur	89	14	14	16	385,537	15,760	15,760	4	1,267	1,267	-	58	-	PR
15	Khanewal (overlapping)	98	70	70	71	375,349	17,775	17,775	5	1,662	1,662	-	-	-	NF
15	Khanewal	98	24	24	24	375,349	41,634	41,634	11	2,671	2,671	-	133	13	PR
16	Khushab	49	45	45	92	153,048	155,378	155,378	102	10,492	10,492	-	166	42	NR
17	Lahore	31	31	31	100	-	54,118	54,118	-	3,998	3,998	-	168	19	PR
18	Layyah (Overlapping)	44	32	33	75	232,310	15,917	17,376	7	1,498	1,572	5	41	1	NF
18	Layyah	44	29	29	66	232,310	146,532	146,532	63	9,813	9,813	-	210	12	PR
19	Lodhran	70	70	70	100	220,432	46,705	46,705	21	3,886	3,886	-	-	-	NR
19	Lodhran (overlapping)	70	17	17	24	220,432	19,671	19,671	9	1,384	1,384	-	110	11	PR
20	Mandi Bahauddin (Overlapping)	65	56	56	86	199,336	8,759	8,759	4	803	803	-	66	2	NF
	Mandi Bahauddin	65	56	56	86	199,336	51,819	51,819	26	3,544	3,544	-	223	16	PR
21	Mianwali	53	48	48	91	186,770	129,095	129,095	69	8,232	8,232	-	192	32	NR
22	Multan (overlapping)	69	58	58	84	429,984	17,654	17,654	4	1,958	1,958	-	_	-	NR
22	Multan	69	22	22	32	429,984	35,212	35,212	8	2,382	2,382	-	14	-	PR
23	Muzaffargarh (overlapping)	93	24	28	30	557,112	25,863	27,709	5	1,535	1,628	6	38	2	NF
23	Muzaffargarh	93	24	24	26	557,112	167,208	167,208	30	10,458	10,458	-	150	10	PR
	Nanakana Sahib*	65	-	-	-	176,003	695	695	0	45	45	-	9	-	PR
25	Narrowal	74	64	64	86	200,434	151,437	151,437	76	7,818	7,818		162	35	PR

		Total rural	Union C	ouncils Ha Presence		Total rural	Hous	eholds Orga	nised	Community	Organisatio	ons Formed			
S. No.	Name of District	and Peri- Urban UCs in the District	# as of Mar 2022	# as of	%	HHs in the District (2017 Population & Households Census)	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% coverage as of Jun 2022	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% increase during Qtr	+ of Village Organisations (VOs) as of Jun 2022	# of LSOs as of Jun 2022	RSF
26 Okara (d	overlapping)	111	1	1	1	360,592	1,447	1,447	0	103	103	-	15	1	NRS
26 Okara		111	34	34	31	360,592	54,043	54,043	15	3,644	3,644	-	132	13	PRS
27 Pakpatt	an (overlapping)	63	54	54	86	256,016	12,295	12,295	5	1,486	1,486	-	-	-	NRS
27 Pakpatt	an	63	30	30	48	256,016	38,910	38,910	15	2,711	2,711	-	117	14	PRS
28 Rahim Y	far Khan	103	95	95	92	537,401	104,204	107,099	20	11,581	11,828	2	81	5	NRS
29 Rajanpu	ır	44	43	43	98	215,883	147,598	147,800	68	11,676	11,787	1	503	26	NRS
29 Rajanpu	ur (overlapping)*	44	-	-	-	215,883	18,650	18,650	9	1,218	1,218	-	-	-	PRS
30 Rawalpi	indi	70	70	70	100	418,177	130,693	131,301	31	7,429	7,470	1	426	40	NRS
31 Sahiwal	(overlapping)	83	52	52	63	309,865	12,414	12,414	4	1,201	1,201	-	-	-	NRS
31 Sahiwal	L	83	39	39	47	309,865	64,594	64,594	21	4,217	4,217	-	201	21	PRS
32 Sargodh	ha (overlapping)	132	123	123	93	420,867	22,954	22,954	5	2,067	2,067	-	9	2	NRS
32 Sargodh	ha	132	59	59	45	420,867	63,906	63,906	15	4,265	4,265	-	156	15	PRS
33 Sheikhu	upura	91	13	13	14	334,617	35,202	35,202	11	2,509	2,509	-	127	9	PRS
34 Sialkot		94	88	88	94	400,653	210,884	210,884	53	10,162	10,162	-	836	50	PRS
35 Toba Te	k Singh (overlapping)	79	61	61	77	267,821	13,594	13,594	5	1,545	1,545	-	-	-	NRS
35 Toba Te	k Singh	79	24	24	30	267,821	54,305	54,305	20	3,782	3,782	-	168	13	PRS
36 Vehari		87	80	80	92	377,144	39,089	39,089	10	3,149	3,149	-	49	3	NRS
36	Sub Total Punjab	2,662	1,945	1,955	73	10,714,102	3,694,360	3,701,915	35	247,104	247,762	0	8,947	725	
ZAD JAMMU	AND KASHMIR (AJK)														
1 Bagh (or	verlapping)	19	10	10	53	46,470	672	672	1	32	32	-	-	-	AJKF
1 Bagh		19	19	19	100	46,470	39,051	39,051	84	2,276	2,276	-	181	19	NRS
2 Hattian	(overlapping)	13	10	10	77	21,296	16,770	16,770	79	827	827	-	-	-	AJKF
2 Hattian		13	12	12	92	21,296	23,452	23,452	110	1,225	1,225	-	155	12	NRS
3 Kotli (ov	verlapping)	38	36	36	95	67,483	13,807	13,807	20	566	566	-	-	-	AJKR
3 Kotli		38	36	36	95	67,483	67,342	67,342	100	4,048	4,048	-	241	35	NRS
4 Muzaffa	rabad (overlapping)	32	26	26	81	60,712	45,689	45,689	75	2,192	2,192	-	-	-	AJKF
4 Muzaffa	rabad	32	29	29	91	60,712	59,909	59,909	99	3,483	3,483	-	368	32	NRS
5 Neelum	o (overlapping)	9	9	9	100	15,649	6,722	6,722	43	267	267	-	-	-	AJKF
5 Neelum	1	9	9	9	100	15,649	16,583	16,583	106	821	821	-	77	9	NRS
6 Poonch	(Rawalakot) (overlapping)	26	12	12	46	61,000	4,523	4,523	7	260	260	-	-	-	AJKF
	(Rawalakot)	26	26	26	100	61,000	54,427	54,427	89	2,752	2,752	-	192	26	NRS
7 Bhimbe	۲. ۲	18	18	18	100	54,333	5,541	5,541	10	227	227	-	-	-	AJKF
	r (overlapping)	18	15	15	83	54,333	16,445	16,445	30	1,282	1,282	-	66		NRS
8 Sudhnol		14	14	14	100	26,849	29,458	29,458	110	1,752	1,752	-	69		NRS
9 Mirpur		22	15	15	68	40,208	8,596	8,596	21	379	379	-	-		AJKF
	(overlapping)	22	10	12	55	40,208	7,428	7,428	18	558	558		1	_	NRS
10 Forward		9	9	9		18,651	19,649	19,649	105	1,151	1,151		95		NRS
10 Forward	Sub Total AJK	200	187	187	94	412,651	436,064	436,064	105	24,098	24,098		1,445	159	

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	Name of District	Total rural and Peri- Urban UCs in the District	Presence			Total rural HHs in the	Households Organised			Community Organisations Formed			<ul> <li># of Village</li> </ul>		
S. No.			# as of Mar 2022		% coverage as of Jun 2022	District (2017 Population &	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% coverage as of Jun 2022	# as of Mar 2022	# as of Jun 2022	% increase during Qtr	Organisations (VOs) as of	# of LSOs as of Jun 2022	RSP
GILGIT	-BALTISTAN (GB)														
1 A	Astore	8	8	8	100	8,103	9,036	9,036	112	334	334	-	190	6	AKRS
2 C	Diamir	9	-	-	-	16,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AKRS
3 6	Ghanche	14	14	14	100	13,229	10,850	10,850	82	469	469	-	236	7	AKRS
4 6	Əhizer	16	16	16	100	13,392	16,401	16,401	122	565	565	-	304	15	AKRS
5 G	Əilgit	10	10	10	100	17,721	9,709	9,709	55	443	443	-	242	6	AKRS
6 ⊢	lunza	8	8	8	100	5,919	7,351	7,351	124	261	261	-	115	9	AKRS
7 N	lagar	7	7	7	100	6,860	14,406	14,406	210	254	254	-	124	4	AKR
8 5	Skardu	14	14	14	100	16,256	6,036	6,036	37	585	585	-	305	11	AKR
9 S	Shigar	10	10	10	100	5,750	5,650	5,650	98	276	276	-	170	4	AKR
10 k	Kharmang	8	8	8	100	6,201	5,385	5,385	87	240	240	-	161	1	AKR
10	Sub Total GB	104	95	95	91	110,003	84,824	84,824	77	3,427	3,427	-	1,847	63	
NEWLY	( MERGED DISTRICTS (NMDs) I	Former FATA/FF	₹s												
1 E	Bajaur District	37	20	20	54	120,457	9,432	9,432	8	393	393	-	24	2	SRS
2 14	Khyber District	28	21	21	75	99,799	3,925	3,925	4	217	217	-	4	1	SRS
3 K	Kurram District	23	21	21	91	63,235	9,076	9,076	14	418	418	-	32	5	SRS
4 N	Aohmand District	21	12	12	57	48,118	3,432	3,432	7	143	143	-	-	-	SRS
5 North Waziristan District		22	16	16	73	58,647	6,855	6,855	12	349	349	-	4	-	SRS
6 Orakzai District		15	12	12	80	31,253	2,914	2,914	9	175	175	-	4	1	SRS
7 South Waziristan District		29	18	18	62	80,717	9,153	9,153	11	466	466	-	4	1	SRS
8 T.A.Adj Lakki Marwat District		1	-	-	-	3,348	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SRS
9 T.A.Adj Bannu District		1	-	-	-	4,188	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SRS
10 T.AAdj D.I.Khan District		3	-	=	-	6,924	=	=	=	-	-	-	-	-	SRS
11 T.A.Adj Kohat District		5	-	=	-	14,339	=	=		=	=		-	-	SRS
12 T.A.Adj Peshawar District		3	3	3	100	7,065	2,784	2,784	39	116	116	-	-	2	SRS
13 T	.A.Adj Tank District	2	-	-	-	4,165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SRS
13	Sub Total NMDs	190	123	123	65	542,255	47,571	47,571	9	2,277	2,277	-	72	12	
152	Grand Total	6,019	4,645	4,655	77	20,535,451	8,572,815	8,599,566	42	519,735	520,391	0	42,480	2,451	

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