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# CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



It gives me a great pleasure to present the annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2017.Sindh Agricultural and Forestry Workers Coordinating Organization (SAFWCO) works on the assumption that people have tremendous potential for their development. Social mobilization is a process that helps harness this potential. It forms the central theme of every SAFWCO project and programme. Social mobilization ensures all activities are community driven at the grassroots level. Organizing people into their own institutions is the foundation of SAFWCO's social mobilization strategy.

The SafcoSupport Foundation (SSF) continued its operation as an

independent specialized entity. Being anannexed structure of SAFWCO it maintained its focus on micro credit facilities to vulnerable less & privileged and capacity building in order to get them out of poverty.

Our valued work with development partners and Provincial Government continued through initiatives such as the Government of Sindh-CDP project on flood affected farmers poverty alleviation, UNICEF's project on WASH on child stunting reduction in Sindh, Rutgers' project on Yes I do project, Plan International's Project on "Building skill for life" and OXFAM's project on Active citizenship and improved local governance.

Rutgers Pakistan and OXFAM emerged as important partners for SAFWCO to initiate long term projects in Sindh Province. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to our development partners for their continued support for our efforts towards the creation of progress and prosperity in Pakistan. I also thank the members of the governing board, whose leadership and foresight are of great assistance in deepening our engagement for development in Sindh. Despite the challenging working conditions, the dedication of our staff has ensured that SAFWCO's programmes in Sindh province continue to grow, in terms of both diversity and scale.

#### ParveenNaeem Shah

# PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT



The highlight of SAFWCO's achievements in2016-17 has been the signing of the Partnership AgreementwithOXFAM and Rutgers Pakistan for five years programs to support the SAFWCO mission of developing communities in province of Sindh. Thispartnership reflects the confidence of development partners have in our abilityto deliver sustainable results and achieveambitious targets.

The year saw the accomplishment of The Oxfam-GB funded initiative titled "Effective Citizenship and Responsive Governance project" which was launched in Jan 2013 and completed during March 2017 in districts of Dadu and Sanghar in Sindh Province. It aimed at identifying

and enabling the active women to participate in governance through their vigilant approach to national and local issues. The program aimed at making governance more effective, efficient and responsive. The project reached out to 24416 direct and indirect beneficiaries in both districts. DuringApril 2016 to March 2017 SAFWCO enhanced capacities of newly elected representatives of local bodies on social accountability tools and its practices. To ensure social accountability tools within local governance, SAFWCO organized 04 Community participation Rallies with elected representatives to raise awareness on local problems. Recognizing the role of ECG members for Good Governance and Peace Building, SAFWCO organized different activities including Women Festivals, media exposures, public assemblies and cultural festivals which promoted the peace and Social harmony within their districts.

We are very thankful the OXFAM &SaferWorld for entering into new five year Programme "Addressing Root Causes (ARC)" Project for improved access to fair, legitimate and effective justice system in Pakistan" in three districts of Sindh namely Khairpur, Sanghar and Hyderabad. For most people it is hard to access justice, due to a backlog of cases. For poor and marginalized groups it is simply too costly and geographically out of reach. Under the backdrop of such situation OXFAM &SaferWorldprogramme is launched to contribute to an effective justice system that is accessible for all citizens in Pakistan – a system that is gender responsive, accountable and in line with international norms. The proposed project will build on the opportunity of an emerging "semi-formal" justice sector – informal justice mechanisms that have been recognized or established by the state or police.

This year achievements also highlights SAFWCO's new five year Programmepartnershipwith Rutgers Pakistan titled "Yes I do" on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) and economic well-being of young populations in two districts of Sindh.We are very thankful the Rutgers Pakistan for having trust and confidence in our organizational works for adolescent population. Our Women empowerment

sectoral efforts directly protect help and empower girls against forced marriage, facilitating their physical, emotional and educational development for the full enjoyment of their childhood and youth in freedom. The project is being implemented in two districts of Sindh namely district Sanghar and district Umerkot. Most of the Girls in Sanghar especially adolescent girls face many challenges; an earlier onset of puberty and sexual activity; often have no knowledge about their sexuality and consequences of their sexual behaviors; have high risks of pregnancy and abortion; are victims of sexual violence, exploitation, prostitution, discrimination and crisis. Besides adolescent boys generally lack appropriate life skills in order to cope with social and economic pressures and make informed, responsible choices which puts them at high risk to substance abuse (tobacco, alcohol, other drugs) and also expose them to sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV/AIDS.To bring these girls adolescent a head , we have prepared a cadre of 500 Karan leaders including boys and girls, we will also mentor more Karan's this year who will be empowered to engage themselves with all policy , district level and health department level to initiate dialogues on their SRHR rights and elimination of Early Child marriages and Teenage pregnancies. These Kiran will be social Movement leader for the message to communities on alternative ways of CM and TP.

With the continued support from Government of Sindh (Community Development Programme), during reporting period, we provided 39 calves to landless women in UC Shahpurchakerwith technical trainings on livestock management in order to get them out of vulnerabilities incurred due to floods in the area.

Through PAT Plus innovative approach inpromoting safe water, sanitation andhygiene (WASH), SAFWCO WASH team has successfully attained ODF status for 71 target villages in UC Mehrabpur district of NausheroFeroz with increased supply-demand in sanitation marketing. The programme also provided WASH services in schools and health care units. Our WASH teams provided PAT plus training to 142 primary school teachers so that they can attain WASH sustainability in schools. In addition, 10 WASH clubs have also been established to promote hand washing in schools. In school we have promoted thee star approach so that the societal behavioral change dream becomes true to add achievements in attaining SDG goals related to WASH commitments. Our teams also provided trainings to 151 LHWs on PAT Plus approachwith rehabilitation of one Basic health unit so that patients may benefit from our WASH services

On the education front, SAFWCO aimed at creating an "enabling" environment where adolescent girls are in a position to fulfill their aspirations. The Basic skill for life project actually is a journey from understanding adolescents' realities and facilitating them as emerging leaders. We targeted both formal and informal education system at district Thattathrough well designed bottom to top, from village volunteers to education officers on enrollment drives for schools. Not only this, we also prepared School development plans, provided trainings to the public schools teachers pivoting disciplines, child rights, parental mobilization and triggering of creativity among students. Our project provided a platform for innovation and creativity, aiming to tap the immense creative potential of our children.

As SAFWCO bids farewell to another year, we are again very energetic, more resolute and committed to confronting the development challenges to our vulnerable communities in Pakistan. The faces of social backwardness and deprivation will change in time, and SAFWCO, armed with the local communities' manpower, will surely tackle the challenges as they emerge in the future.

## **ABOUT SAFWCO**

Sindh Agricultural and Forestry Workers Coordinating Organization (SAFWCO) is the lead apex institution for community-driven development in the eleven districts of Sindh province. It is, a non-government, not-for-profit socio economic development organization established in 1993 under societies Act 1860 via registration number 3569.

SAFWCO aims to be the catalyst for improving the quality of life, broadening the range of opportunities and socio-economic mainstreaming of the poor and disadvantaged, especially women. The core operating units of the SAFWCO deliver a range of development interventions at the grassroots/community level through a network of more than 1,780(59865 membership) village development Organizations in eleven districts of the Sindh Province. These include social mobilization, livelihood support, access to credit, infrastructure and energy, health, education, advocacy for citizenry rights and disaster management. Externally commissioned independent studies have demonstrated positive outcomes and impact of SAFWCO interventions on the lives of benefiting communities related to their economic output, household incomes, assets, agricultural productivity skills and other quality of life indices.

Social mobilization forms the basis of all activities, and is a prerequisite, to undertake various components of the program including Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI) development, Livelihood Enhancement, Health, Education, Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation (DPM), access to finance through credit unit and citizenry rights.

#### 1.1.1. Vision

SAFWCO envisions 'sustainable communities achieving equitable economic, social, political and cultural development through indigenous community organizations'. SAFWCO's aim is to 'become self-sustaining resourceful, disciplined and specialized training and support institution accessible to under privileged with a view to build capacities of community organizations as model development institution'.

#### Mission

SAFWCO's mission is to mobilize the poor under a common platform and support them to carry out sustainable development.

#### **Objectives**

- Organize rural and urban communities (men and women) for undertaking sustainable development initiatives primarily on self-help basis
- Build the capacity of the VDOs to make them sustainable
- Undertake participatory development programs for poverty alleviation and improvement of quality of life of the poor
- Facilitate women participation in the development activities and promote their socio economic empowerment
- Promote conservation of natural resources, take efforts for improving environment and facilitate health and education
- Engage in advocacy and networking for addressing social issues of the society
- Cooperate with national and international development organizations for poverty alleviation and sustainable development

#### Values

Equality, Transparency, Participatory, Mutual Respect, and Social Justice

#### **SAFWCO Programmes**

- Social Development
- Community Physical Infrastructure Development
- Education
- Health and Hygiene Promotion
- Agriculture and Livelihood Development
- Environment and Climate Risk Management
- Advocacy & Governance (AG)
- Women Empowerment
- Financial Services for unbanked and disadvantaged Population
- Monitoring, Evaluation & Research
- Vulnerable Groups and Disability

### 1. EFFECTIVE CITIZENSHIP & RESPONSIVE GOVERNANCEBY (OXFAM FROM APRIL 2016 TO MARCH 2017)

Safwco in collaboration with its longtime partner Oxfam GB has implemented a project titled 'Effective Citizenship Groups (ECGs)' from April 2016 to March 2017 in Districts Dadu and Sanghar of Sindh province. It aimed at identifying and enabling the active women to participate in governance through their vigilant approach to national and local issues. The program aimed at making governance more effective, efficient and responsive. The project reached out to 24416 direct and indirect beneficiaries in districts of Sanghar and Dadu in Sindhprovince.

### Training workshops of Effective Citizenship Groups(ECG) members and local government representatives

During the reporting period, 04 training workshops were organized for ECGs members and government functionaries from respective districts in Dadu and Sanghar on "Need Identification, Prioritize the Problems, and Possible Solutions through development of action plans. 40 men and 20 women attended these workshops in District Sanghar whereas 43 women and 10 men attended these workshops in district Dadu. The training was participatory and encouraged all participants to take active part in the discussion. Facilitator / trainer ensured participation of all participants. Plenary discussions, group work, presentations, and role plays were key tools of the training.



## Capacity Building 150 female elected representatives of local bodies' on tools of social accountability

During the reported period, 06 one day orientation sessions were organized for newly elected representatives of local bodies' to enhance social accountability tools and its practices. The sessions were organized during the month of June 2016 dated 17th, 18th, 19th at Dadu and 18th, 19th, 21st 2016 at Sanghar. These events were attended by 150 women (25 females in each event). The purpose of the program was to increase the capacity development of elected representatives of local bodies' election, Civil Society and ECG Members on tools of social accountability, ECG Members have capable to use the tools of social accountability and make action plan for application of tools and play an effective role for their communities.

### 03 Rallies/WALKs for awareness of local area problems to ensure Good Governance

To provide wider participation of public for local area problems, 02 walk rallies on Education and Women empowerment were organized at district Dadu, whereas one walk rally on Women empowerment was organized at district Dadu. The objective of organizing these rallies was to attract public attention on local problem for solution to local government office bearers.

#### Linkages Development; ECGs meet up with CSOs and Govt functionaries

SAFWCO facilitated different meetings of ECGs to establish their linkages and contacts with leading civil society organizations in the area. The objective behind these meetings was to strengthen advocacy efforts taken by ECGs in respective districts. Total 06 events are organized; 03 in each districts to take up the local level issues to district administration on out of school children and mobilize parents to send their children to schools. Moreover, early marriages and domestic violence against women and proper sanitation and safe drinking water issues suggested to be highlighted by ECGs.

Likewise, linkage development meeting was also held in district Sanghar on 24th July 2016. The meeting was attended by 25 ECG members, civil society, media and government functionaries. Elected councilors also attended the meeting.



#### Participatory dialogues of ECG on local problems and solution resolution

During the reporting period, SAFWCO organized 08 quarterly review and planning meetings at both districts which attended by different stakeholders including government functionaries, civil society, media, communities and ECG members aimed at social accountability tools and approaches. During the meeting issues such as sanitation, proper draining, safe drinking water, drug usage, locally manufactured wine, and damaged road infrastructure, errors in biometric system, absenteeism of teachers, girls education and safety and security of women / girls in the area were discussed widely.

## Development of District & Tehsil Level Advocacy Influential Plans (August 2016 to March 2017)

During the reported period SAFWCO organized two workshops on development of district and Taluka level advocacy influencing action plans on 13th August 2016 at HID Centre Hall Hyderabad. Total 30 ECG members 15 from each district (Dadu and Sanghar) attended this workshop. The workshop focused on development of annual advocacy influential plan implemented by ECG members. Social accountability and Peace promotion on their identified root causes of conflict were selected as thematic areas for evidence based advocacy and influential plans.

#### **Encouragement of women ECG members through Women Festival Events**

02 Women Festival were organized (one at districtDadu and one at district Sanghar) in order to encourage women ECG members' role for Good Governance and Peace Building Activities. Appreciation Certificate and award giving have encouraged them to have these contributions continue after closing project activities on volunteer basis for continuous commitment for community development.

#### Media Engagement for reporting local governance problems

During the reporting period, SAFWCO and ECG members jointly organized 04 media exposure visit at District Sanghar to highlight the problems of pollution. ECG members have been highlighting the pollution issues in the area taking place due to availability of rice mills, oil mills and other industries in the area. Before this visit, ECG members organized a press conference at Press Club Sanghar and raised the voice against increasing pollution which is caused several skin and other diseases in the area. Journalist keenly took interest in the matter and offer their time and support to resolve the matter. Whereas two media visits werealsoorganized in district Dadu for highlighting local problems.

### Holding public assemblies in by bringing government officials for accountability in each district

During the reporting period, SAFWCO organized 04 events in respective districts i.e. Dadu and Sanghar. The purpose behind organizing these public assemblies was to ensure effective engagement of government functionaries and parliamentarians for accountability and transparency. In these public assemblies, public presented chartered of demands to local government officer bearers on education, health, policing, municipality and other problems pertaining to smoke from factories, drainage etc.

#### Revitalizing culture activism for promotion of peace and social harmony

Culture festivals like traditional "Mela" are powerful driver for development, with community-wide social, economic and environmental impacts. Today, many cities use cultural heritage and cultural

events and institutions to improve their image, stimulate peace and inter racial harmony and attract visitors as well as investments. The project also accelerated revival and renewal of culture and creating opportunities for the local community artists in a more conducive atmosphere, thus creating better livelihood opportunities and self-respect which will contribute towards poverty alleviation and peace building. SAFWCO organized 48 cultural events at UC level and district level and engaged ECG members to ensure peace and social harmony at grassroots level which are included but not limited to;

- Dialogue with religious leaders, youth leaders, politicians, journalists, teachers, intellectuals and scholars on the concept of culture of peace
- Cultural Festival
- Poster Exhibitions
- Peace rallies
- Dialogue with youth on the concept of culture of peace
- Celebration with School students/ Games/ Music etc.

## Research work on Mapping of CSOs/NGOs/INGOs working at for culture, Peace and harmony

During the reported period one desk study has been carried out on "Mapping of CSOs/NGOs/INGOs working at Provincial Level for culture, Peace and harmony to develop Provincial Peace Building Network". The purpose of this desk study therefore is to conducing Scoping of Civil Societies/NGOs and Civil Societies which are working on peace, culture and interfaith harmony in Sindh.

### Achievements of Effective Citizen Group –ECG Project Progress till June 2016-July 2017

- 06 Two-days trainings workshop for ECG and local government representatives on need identification, priorities the problems and their possible solutions through development of an action plan
- 06 One-day Orientation sessions for newly elected representatives of local body election to enhance social accountability tools and its practices (150 females 25 in each event) were provided.
- 04 Community participation Rallies /WALK with elected representatives UC Chairman, Vice Chairman & Counselors for Responsive Governance of local bodies, awareness of local area problems to ensure social accountability tools were organized
- 06- ECG collective meetings with other CSO to strengthen advocacy efforts organized
- # of ECG members develop annual advocacy plan based on the community priority needs
- 2 Women Festival organized
- Organized 4 media visits to highlight the genuine issues around governance of the areas ( media articles and stories will be developed and published in different media channels (print & electronic)
- Mapped , developed and linked ECRG and community members with the complaint mechanisms in government departments
- 04 Holding public assemblies held in by bringing government officials for accountability 2 in each district
- Organize 48 cultural events for ECG members and community persons and other stakeholders to promote the peace and Social harmony.

#### **1.2. CASE STUDIES**



#### 1.2.1. The Leading Activist; Salma Qureshi

She is a story book. She could not enjoy her childhood as she got married in child age and since she is fighting with life. She has learnt a lot from her life. She claims that her life is her mentor. Every movement of her life gives her a new experience. These sufferings led her to volunteering her services for those who are marginalized. She her-self without having any financial support from any agency or organization, she stands with the victims and raise voice against violence either it is domestic or societal. She started sewing at her home which is now an established vocational center and providing services to victims and other poor women to

secure own livelihood. Ms. Salma Qureshi is a well-known social and political activist of Sanghar city. She along with progressive and likeminded women laid the foundation of Women Social Awareness and Skill Development Society (WSASDS), Sanghar in the year 2004. This organization has its own importance in the civil society of Sanghar and has done a lot of work as an NGO.

Her joining the ECG of Sanghar brought energy in the group, as activism is just a second nature to her. Her interventions were carried in the "Breaking the Silence" with the title "fighting for the voiceless". Although story is full with hundreds of the successful episodes but following are very few examples reflecting her association and dedication.

- She rescued a young boy who was illegally picked up by the police in connection with a violent demonstration. A protest organized by her forced the police to let him go.
- She helped Saima, a Christian young woman, who married a Muslim; as the marriage fell apart the man usurped her resources, child support and rightful alimony. With the help and moral support of Ms. Qureshi, Saima won the legal battle in the court.
- She helped Lubna who became a victim of doctors' negligence during a cesarean delivery. Finally doctors took the responsibility of her treatment in Karachi.
- She organized a protest rally on November 6, 2014 in which ECG members and civil society of Sanghar raised voice against forced marriage of Anjali KumariMeghwar a Hindu girl with a Muslim man.
- She took active part in organizing a protest rally on 20th December 2015 against the police which had been illegally detained PML-F's cadres and personalities as suspects with the charge that they were responsible for the violence and killing of PPP's workers during an election event. Police had to present them at the court and eventually they were released on bail.
- She came to rescue her colleague of the ECG—Ms.RaziaLashari (name changed)—who
  reportedly had been maltreated by her husband's family. Salma came to know that Ms. Razia
  had lost control as she was being continuously drugged by her husband. She immediately
  started the search for Razia, found her, brought and kept her at home and then handed over
  to Razia's sympathetic cousin.

Besides, she has always been supporting other ECG members in their endeavors regarding governance issues and conflict resolution in the communities. She has dedicated her life for others and spent days and night to serve those who are voiceless and does not have access to services.

#### 1.2.2. A Dynamic Activist; Shahida Vighio



She started volunteering her services in very young age. In her age, other girls often dreams for a luxury life but she selected a hard one for her-self. Ms. ShahidaVighio resident of ShahaniMohalla; Dadu city was supercharged after she underwent training as an ECG member. Having learned that she was perfectly within her rights to demand action from positive the district administration and believing that all good must begin from home, she and a number of ECG members confronted the Tehsil Municipal Officer (TMO). The issue at hand

was the poor state of infrastructure in ShahaniMohalla.

After the efforts of eleven months and beating all the lame excuses of the TMO, she got the streets paved and sewerage repaired. This encouraged her to get into other issues, particularly of domestic conflicts. She supported her friend during the latter's wish to marry of her own liking and advised her properly. After twists and turns of two years including the court procedure and attempted violence, her friend was able to get back to her family (parents and siblings) with her child and the husband of her choice. Similarly she helped a woman to get back her adopted daughter, which was wrongly taken from her by the uncle of the girl.

She had joined the ECGs of Dadu district in 2013 and didn't relent a bit since then. First of all, like other members of ECG Shahida learnt the concepts of good governance, transparency, institutional corruption, the right to information (RTI) act, accountability, social audit and other public interest issues touching the lives of ordinary citizens who have no voice in the corridors of power. Influenced by the environment of her actions, elder sisters also became active in Dadu's ECGs. Her case studies have been written in details, by giving her the title of 'Conflict Resolver' and 'An Engine of Change'. A very brief mention is in the following.

- She picked up 25 small children including boys and girls who were either grazing cattle herds or roaming aimlessly in the streets as rag-pickers, instead of going to schools. Through her perseverance and follow up with BaitulMaal authorities at least 25 children from poor families have been enrolled in BaitulMaal schools.
- She has identified 10 disabled men and women who need help to gain some mobility with the help of wheel chairs. She submitted the list to BaitulMaal for the provision of wheel chairs to these cases. She is hopeful that these needy ones will get the wheel chairs.
- In another campaign launched for the rehabilitation of poor widows, Shahida found a total of 19 poor widows who are unable to cope with the demands of life after their spouses passed away. Two cases have been approved by the authorities whereas the remaining applicants have been put on waiting list due to lack of public funds.
- She is campaigning to track down 'out of school teachers', a phrase used for government teachers who are getting salaries without doing their work. These absentee employees called 'ghost teachers' are the real cause of illiteracy and poverty in Sindh.
- She is a frequent visitor to District Hospital Dadu to look into the services and gain knowledge about the poor patients. She came across an eye patient Ms. Sakeena Shaikh suffering from cataract who was unable to bear the cost of treatment. Shahida spoke to Dr. Salahuddin in the hospital who agreed to undertake surgery free of cost. Sakeena's sight has come back.
- She is the member of the District BaitulMaal committee set up by Deputy Commissioner Dadu.

### 2. ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES (FUNDED BY OXFAM FROM JUNE APRIL 2017)

SAFWCO has entered into five year programme(from April 2017to March 2021) partnership with OXFAM titled "improved access to fair, legitimate and effective justice system in Pakistan"in three districts of Sindh namely Khairpur, Sanghar and Hyderabad. For most people it is hard to access, due to a backlog of cases. For poor and marginalized groups it is simply too costly and geographically out of reach. As a result most Pakistanis continue to rely on informal justicesystems – non-state methods of conflict resolution – which in most cases are not acknowledged by the Pakistani government.



The objective of the proposed project is to contribute to an effective justice system that is accessible for all citizens in Pakistan .In parallel, the proposed project will reach out to the local communities, lowstatus groups, women and youth. It will engage with them to understand their challenges in accessing justice, and build their capacity to work with CSOs, justice providers and government authorities to develop practical solutions for more inclusive justice provision and recommendations for reform in the broader system. It will empower communities to know and claim their rights while increasing the ability and accountability of individuals and institutions that are responsible for respecting, protecting and fulfilling human rights.

During the reporting period month of May 2017, underlying activities were implemented in the Districts Hyderabad, Sanghar and KhairpurMirs'.

#### **1.3. STAFF HIRING AND ORIENTATION**

SAFWCO HR department organized interviews for the project "Improved access to fair, legitimate and effective justice for all in Pakistan" and hired the cited project staff after conducting the interview during the reported month of April-2017.

After hiring the staff SAFWCO team arranged the orientations regarding of said staff for knowhow of the organization and project as well.

Project staff was oriented for the project's activities and objectives. In orientation program staff were discoursed about project objectives and target locations that 09 unions councils UCs in each District will be finalized with the support of social welfare department and through conduct of baseline surveys where the said project can effectively implemented.

During the orientation program staff, they were oriented in:

- Sindh Agricultural & forestry Workers Coordinating Organization's vision, mission and objectives.
- Organization's programs
- Targets of the Access to Justice Program.
- Different NGOs are working in rule of Law especially in respected Districts.
- Discussed the Justice situation of the Districts.
- Criteria & limitation for the project's activities implementation.

The project team was also oriented about the activities, outputs and work plans of the project.

#### **1.4. ORIENTATION MEETINGS WITH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT / FUNCTIONARIES:**

SAFWCO team conducted arranged and spontaneous coordination meetings with diverse stakeholder's police, judiciary and government departments are as follows.



#### **Hyderabad**

- Meeting with Social Welfare officer at Latifabad, Hyderabad on 28th April 2017
- Meeting with Secretary Women Development Department at Hyderabad on 9th May 2017
- Meeting with Assistant Commissioner Hyderabad Rural on 4th May 2017 at AC office
- Meeting with Deputy Inspector General Hyderabad 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at DIG office Hyderabad
- Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad 24th May 2017 at DC office Hyderabad
- Additional Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad 25th May 2017 at ADC-2 office Hyderabad
- Assistant Director Local Govt. 19th May 2017 at District Council Hyderabad

#### **District Sanghar**

- Meeting with Deputy Director Social Welfare Sanghar on 10th May 2017
- Meeting with Deputy Commissioner Sanghar on 10th May 2017
- Meeting with Deputy Commissioner Sanghar on 25th May 2017

#### **District KhairpurMirs:**

- Social Welfare department
- District Coordinator-DC
- District Nazim
- Meeting with DPO
- Election Commission Office
- Non-Government Organizations (NGOs):- Sindh Rural Support Organization-SRSO, National Commission for Human Development- NCHD, Indus Resource Centre-IRC, Indus Craft Foundation-ICF, Khairpur Rural Development Organization- KRDO, & Tahzeb Foundation



#### 3. YES I DO BY

#### (FUNDED BY RUGTERS PAKISTAN FROM AUGUST 2016 TO 2021)

SAFWCO has entered into new five year Programme "Yes I do" on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRHR) from Rutgers in two districts of Sindh namely district Sanghar and district Umerkot to address SRHR issues, elimination of Child marriage and engaging adolescent population into alternatives direction in form of education and enterprise. The project goal is to let Adolescent Girls and boys enjoy their health and rights and achieve their full potential free from all the forms of child marriage and teenage pregnancies. The theory of change that project revolves around is social movement led by adolescent population (to be called as Kiran Plus) itself to transform social and gender norms that perpetuate child marriage and teenage pregnancy by community awareness, education, mobilization and advocacy to decision makers from home to Government level.

**Inclusion of social Movement actors (the adolescent Boys and Girls at schools)**SAFWCO conducted Orientation sessions in 13 schools (6 schools from district Sanghar and 7 schools from district Umerkot) for all staff and teachers. In these orientation meetings, all teachers were given detailed information on project objectives, methodology and facilities which this project addresses.

**Preparing Kiran Plus for social Movement at Community Level**, we are the view that Kiran Plus is the foundering corners for social Movement against Child Marriage and Teenage Pregnancy. To accelerate the movement, we provided packaged Trainings to Kirans plus on community mobilization around Child Marriages (CM), Teenage Pregnancy (TP), Happy Family, leadership skills and Advocacyin district of Umerkot.

**Triggering Gender Transformation Approach of parents:** SAFWCO conducted eight (8) orientation meetings in both districts. In this orientation 393 parents and teacher were given orientation on the project Yes I do. The main objective of this activity was to orientate the parents and other stakeholder about purpose and activities of the Yes I do programme and to elaborate the contents of information package and its need for adolescents.

**Dragging social movement to Public via Community Theatres:**Community Theatre on Early Child Marriage and session at community level on SRHR and meaningful youth participation (joint activities) in Village Vehro, District Umerkot was organized. The main objective of this theater was to



involve community against the evils of CM, aware community about Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act and to mobilize community leader as supporters to the social movement against CM and support for Kiran Plus in the Nobel cause.

**Capacity building of Health care providers and Kiran Plus:** SAFWCO conducted Three day ToT training at Moven pick Hotel Karachi in which 6 HCPs, 7 Kiran's attended this training and learn about CM, TP, Community Mobilization Gender Transformation Approach (GTA), and Meaningful Youth Participation (MYP).

International Women's Day: Young Gils (Karan's) with full of Confidence carried out lead role in organizing International Women day with facilitation of SAFWCO team at district Sanghar in which chief guests Dr.MariumMajeedChutto, Miss NasreenAltaf Educationist, Miss Allah Rakhi Master Trainer and Miss RafiaGullani Social Activist participated the event. A Role-play based on a real case study performed by the Kirans of GGHS JHOL which was a main reflection of whole struggle. The way Kirans were moderating the event was very great, A Speech given by a Kiran from GovtGirls High SchoolShahdadpur after that another role-play performed by the Kirans from GGHS Jhol on negative effects of early marriages.

**Capacity Building of Selected Govt; School teachers on Life Skills Education:**SAFWCO organized three 3-days TOT workshops "Life Skills Education (LSE)" for 24 teachers in district of Umerkot and district of Sanghar.

**Training on Youth Friendly Services for Adolescent Boys and Girls at School:** one Training of 16 Health care providers on Youth Friendly Services was organized in district Sanghar

**Establishment of Yes IDo school Committees:-**Two committees (one committee in Govt: Boys High School Greebabad, district Umerkot and second committee in GGHS Vehro Sharif- District Umerkot were established. Each committee was federated with total 10 member representation:

Taking on board Media, Police and Judiciary at Local Level for facilitation and support to Social movement by Kiran Plus: -SAFWCO conducted three Orientation and Networking Meetings with Media, civil society Youth led organization in Jhol, Sanghar and Umerkot to introduce the project with Media, Police and Judiciary in order to highlight Kiran's struggle and seek support from these spheres.



#### Achievements of the Project "Yes I do" Progress till June 2016-July 2017

- Conducted thirteen (13) Orientation sessions in 13 schools on project.
- One packaged Trainings imparted to Kirans plus on community mobilization around Child Marriages, TP, Happy Family, leadership skills and Advocacy in district of Umerkot
- Conducted eight (8) orientation meetings in both districts on GTA with parents.
- One community theater performed a district Sangharcommunity against the evils of CM , aware community about Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act

- One ToT training provided to 6 HCP and 7 Kiran plus
- Organized International Women day at Sanghar
- Provided Training to 24 selected Govt; School teachers on Life Skills Education
- 16 HCP provided training on Youth Friendly Services
- Two Yes I Do school Committees were established.
- Three Orientation and Networking Meetings with Media, civil society Youth led organized

#### **1.5. CASE STUDIES**

#### My Cousin survived early marriage and resumes her studies.....

My name is Tasawar. I am studying in XI class. I was imparted a two training pertaining to CM elimination on adverse effects of early marriages, repercussions and ways for prosperous family and continuation of education. I was given responsibility to cascade the message on which I learnt from training to 50 community and family members. I also told my community and family members that all the girls and boys hold same legal and social rights. I went to my uncle's family and told them all I learnt from the training. My cousin who was dropped from school due to lack of interest of my uncle family was listing to my message. She was so mobilized that she requested his father (my uncle) for resuming to education once again. My uncle permitted here to join schools. When her parents contacted our teachers, they were very pleased at this move and suggested my uncle to let her learn at school with accelerated tuitionclasses along with regular classes. My cousin has once again resumed her studies and has now survived from early marriage taboo. I

#### Kiran Plus share Experience: I was shy and had no confidence .....

I am Neha Gazzadlistudding at class VIII in Kunri district of Umerkot. I was so shy Girl and even could not discourse anything with confidence with my fellow and friends and with stranger, I even could not speak one word. This was due to our family and Parents double standard behaviors at girls as secondary human beings. This is common cultural attitude towards almost every girl in our society. But my life transformed when I was chosen as social movement actors "Kiran Plus" from my school, I was provided different trainings, mentorship classes on lie skills, confidence building and the way to speak out to different people. I am now a confident feminist girl who is mobilizing communities on elimination of CM and bring girls back to school who are either dropped out or have never been in school.

When I started to spread message on CM elimination and continuation of education for girls, I did it with full confidence. Now I can say" Yes I can"

#### I am a confident leader who can deliver .....

I am Gazzala studying in IX class. Since I have been titled as "Kiran Plus" I have started to realize my key role in the communities I belong to. Before being Kiran Plus, I used to think about my interest and my family preferences. But now I have started to ponder on society issue related to Child Marriage, Teenage Pregnancy, social and economic wellbeing of my fellow girls. Whenever I meet with any women, I usually ask about the educational Status of the girl children they have. Even I asked from my maid servant about her daughter whether she sends here to school or not? I usually ask women, "Why you don't send your girls to school?" Why do you get her marry at teenage? And many like questions as strategy to brainstorm and icebreaking with communities pertaining to the well-being of girls. Following their concern and queries I mobilize them to send their girls to schools and avoid Child marriage evil which is in one form a killer of new generation. It creates havoc consequences for girls mostly when she gives births at teenage. I am trying to reach maximum people with the same message and feel that I am a confident vocal leader who has to play a vital role to eliminate CM and other causes that a girl usually face in the society. I am very happy that I have got an aim in my life 'the aim of helping my communities move forward to advancement of life by delegating equal rights to Girls in every sphere of life ".

### 4. BUILDING SKILLS FOR LIFE EDUCATION PROJECT BY PLAN INTERNATIONAL

# (FUNDED BY PLAN INTERNATIONAL FROM JUNE 2016TOOCTOBER 2016)

Safwco has implemented a project named as Building Skills for Life a DFID-funded project focused on enhancing girls' Access to Post Primary and Life Skills Based Education which ended during October 2016. The project focused on establishing non-formal education (NFE) centers for access to post primary (elementary and secondary) education; ii)-Sensitizing key education stakeholders (girls, boys, parents, SRCs/SMCs, communities, education officials and NGOs/CBOs) on importance of post primary and life skills based education for girls; and iii)-Advocating for improvement in policies and implementation practices focusing on community participation in school development processes.

# Follow up meetings with Village Education Committees (VECs) around Public schools for enrolment and retention of children in schools

During reporting period follow-up meetings with 10 VECs were conducted in order to assess

- What VECs have done after receiving training in March 2016
- Setting criteria and identification of participants to take part in the upcoming VEC Learning and Sharing Workshop

All the VECs nominated three members to represent their respective VECs in the learning workshop. They shared the problems, causes and solutions regarding enrollment and retention of children at public schools.



#### 03 Learning and sharing workshop of VEC representatives

3 Training workshops were organized in which 52 VEC Members participated and they shared their achievements as well as future Plans. The workshop aimed to learn from their experiences, provide them new knowledge regarding Sindh Free and Compulsory Education Act, and prepare them for more organized efforts for child rights, child protection, and plan future actions for bringing more children in schools and retain them till completion of their education in the institutions. These Village Education Committee members are volunteers identified through village organizations for identifying out of school children in the villages to get them back into public schools. Furthermore these volunteers are monitoring enrolled children in schools particularly girls and their retentions.

#### District Level Rally for Enrolment drive at district level

SAFWCO organized District Level Rally in collaboration with DEO Primary, DEO Literacy, DEO Secondary Education Thatta in which 10 education officers, 200 students of Government High School, , 50 community representatives, 10 media representatives and other stakeholders actively participated and highlighted the importance of education and enrolment of girls and boys in schools.

#### Training of 46school teachers on formation of School Representative Councils(SRCs)

During reporting period, 46 Schools have been trained on formation of SRCs with main focus to capacitate SRC Supervisors about the role/responsibility and objective of SRCs at new and old Schools.

#### 02 Days Training of 46public school teachers

46 Schools Heads and assistant Teachers have been trained on positive discipline/ Child Rights / Life Skills/ Gender/School Governance/Decision Making/role of teachers for enrolment & retention/Wash component. During training participant teachers were provided work books and guide books to deliver same sessions at their schools, all the Schools submitted their Action Plans for delivery of sessions at their schools. SAFWCO team keep follow-up of action plans during their field visit. The teachers cascade the training curriculum through providing Sessions to students.



#### Printing & provision of training modules & IEC Material

SAFWCO developed training module, some of the sessions were borrowed from CGN, translated all session in Sindhi version and printed first draft of the module and applied during training session. All the participating schools have been provided copies of the module for delivery of sessions at school level. Teachers and SMC members have been asked to give feedback on the module. After getting feedback, final module will be printed and shared with all target schools.

#### Formation of School Development Plan (SDPs) in new schools

SAFWCO team conducted 57 visits to target public schools. Purpose of visits was to update School profiles & Maturity Index of all schools, School Follow-up & SRC Maturity index of 24 old Schools.

#### \* Achievements of Building Skills for Life till June 2016 to November 2016

- Follow up meetings conducted with 10 Village Education Committees (VECs) around Public schools for enrolment and retention of children in schools
- 03 Learning and sharing workshop of VEC representatives organized
- District Level Rally for Enrolment drive at district level organized at district Thatta
- Trained 46 school teachers on formation of School Representative Councils (SRCs)
- 02 Days Training of 46 public school teachers on school management
- SAFWCO developed one training module in Sindhi version.
- Formation of 11 School Development Plan (SDPs) in new schools



5. WASH SERVICES UNDER UN MATERNAL AND CHILD STUNTING REDUCTION PROGRAM AT TALUKA MEHRABPUR, DISTRICT NAUSHEROFEROZE (FUNDED BY UNICEF FROM MAY, 2016- NOVEMBER 2017)

WASH is one of the key thematic areas of SAFWCO interventionswhich are providing wash services to vulnerable populations of Sindh. One of the major objectives of the thematic area is to educate the community on personal / community hygiene matters and preventive healthcare measures. Health education is a process through which people learn causes and effects of relationship between variables of health and well-being. Access to information on how communicable / contagious and water borne diseases are spread and the knowledge about how to prevent this happening leading to gradual modifications of habits and bring about attitudinal change in human behavior towards a better and healthy life. Health education also provides information on better utilization of scarce resources. WASH services under UNICEF Programme titled" The UN Maternal and Child Stunting Reduction Program in Taluka Mehrabpur, Taluka Moro, and DistrictNausheroferoz Sindh Province was started in May, 2016. The project has extensive series of activities that will be undertaken to improve the health and hygienic conditions of people in this particular Taluka and project aims to achieve 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) at Taluka level.



## 30 member LG UC Secretaries, Elected LG council representatives and PHE staff trained on PATS Plus

The project trained 30 elected LG council and PHED officials on subject to PATS-PLUS. This workshop served the purpose of orienting the officials on PATS-PLUS approach as well as built understanding over project goals and objectives. Through this workshop, the proceedings enabled the participants to understand the methodology of the project for bring them and work parallel in the targeted area.

**Village Action Plans:** SAFWCO has mobilized village committees and prepared 370 village action plans with involvement of 30 district line department officials who have been taken on board and involved in the whole project with trainings of department staffs i.e. LG UC secretaries, elected LG council representatives and PHE & RDD staff on PATS. In addition, local government will also be engaged for the certification of 370 ODF Villages under the project.

Lending of WASH committees at villages and creating chains of CRPs: The interventions at the field level was initiated with social mobilization and organizing the communities as WASH committees. The objective of erecting social infrastructure at the village level is to maximize and ensure participation of the communities at the decision making and post intervention operation and maintenance level. Each WASH committee comprises of 5-7 members to ensure PATS outcomes, sustainability, O&M package and basics of management skills. Out of these 370 WASH committees, 148 CRPs have also been identified to play vital role in the WASH demand supply increment strategy. These CRP have been provided with 2 day training with refresher training and provided with incentives till ODF certification. The main training curriculum contained an overview of Pakistan to Total Sanitation (PATS)-Plus, and the knowledge about Low cost solutions regarding sanitation and water safety. For purpose of Sustainability these CRPs are mobilizing and educating communities for hygiene promotion and campaign at the community level.. These CRPs are now linked/listed to the PHED (Public Health Engineering Department) Community Development Officers/ TMA for attaining 100\$ ODF status within villages. With Combination of different bottom to top strategy by involving WASH committee, CRPs, School administration, public administration, local Government office bearers and Govt: public health officials,71 villages now have been certified with ODF status till June 2017

**CIG Grants to Villages:** Institutionalization of community investment grant of Rs.25,000 was provided to 370 villages via WASH Committee to meet the requirements of most vulnerable to help them to construct toilets as well meet the O&M requirements to ensure the functionality of WASH infrastructure.



**Improved access of 26548 people to water in 370 villages:-** The SAFWCO mobilization team along with WASH Committees and CRPs successfully improved access to safe drinking water through awareness and educational activities. Furthermore 45 village wash committees were provided training on biological tests of water. During reported period 26548 people now have improved access to improved drinking water.



Improved access to sanitation by increased demand triggered by entrepreneurs and local masons:-During reported period Safwco has trained 60 local Masons and 30 Sanmark Middle Men to locally promote low cost construction of latrines and supply. This will enable Masons for obtaining skills and work for the income while entrepreneurs would be assuring the supply of material. These entrepreneurs were selected to establish sanitation mart at the central points of targeted areas. The marts were designed in project with the way to provide easy accessibility to the communities and meet the demand created through social mobilization. The training was aimed to sensitize small business holders for establishing small shops of sanitary material in the central points of targeted areas. As a result sanitation demand supply increased and resulted in 298 self-constructed latrines.

**Behaviour Change Communication:** Various approaches have been effectively harnessed to realize hygiene improvement and specifically increase use of latrines and hand washing; some of these focus more on the community and others on the household. The WASH Behaviour Change Strategy has successfully engaged both types of approaches to bring about desired changes. In general, the approaches used to engage community members include formal and informal leaders taking part in collective problem diagnosis, problem-solving, and action for change. The first step was engagement of communities for situation analysis, organized by our teams. Each village community was guided with a series of exercises and self-analysis that culminates in a commitment to end unhygienic practices, achieve ODF status, and work to improve the WASH practices of all community members. For achieving greater acceptability within communities to adopt 100% of ODF status, following strategies for behaviour change were practised;

- Reproduction of IEC Material was carried out by UNICEF and SAFWCO for Social Mobilization and Behaviour Change Communication
- Provided special promotion Kit to 148 Community Resource Persons

- Launched two one month-campaign on Global Hand washing Day and World Toilet Day celebrated.
- Launched BCC campaign within 370 villages pivoting around messages but not limited to sanitation demand creation; Technical options for low cost sanitation; Personal health, hygiene and nutrition and for Sustainability). The strategy reached out to 1110 people with ODF message.

WASH services in Schools:- WASH in school is aimed at mobilizing households to move up the sanitation ladder and adopt improved practices e.g. treatment water by boiling before use at household level, construction of latrines and consuming a balanced diet. Children at school are direct recipients of improved WASH services at school which help in improving enrolment and retention rates, especially among girls at the age of puberty.SAFWCO provided WASH training to 142 primary school teachers so that they can attain WASH sustainability in schools. The training was aimed to engage teachers in promotion hygiene related activities and allow students to participate in school based activities conducted by project team. To escalate WASH coverage, SAFWCO targeted each and every stakeholder who can provide their role to attain 100% ODF in the target schools. 71 school Management committees and PTA were also provided training on WASH. Furthermore, to strengthen WASH works at school, 71 WASH Clubs were formed and strengthened with aim to ensure maximum participation from the students. Schools children were involved with organized manner through WASH clubs for ensuring health and hygiene activities in schools. SAFWCO has adopted three Start Approach in the schools where group hand washing is promoted. Based on the this approach SAFWCO team has also constructed 10 hand washing stations in 10 schools so that daily group hand washing becomes the regular feature for their

**WASH services Health care Centres:-** WASH in Health Facilities: SAFWCO team has also provided improved WASH facilities to one BHUs with toilets, hand washing facilities & improved drinking water for reducing vulnerability of WASH related infections in pregnant/lactating women and children visiting the healthcare facilities. Improved WASH activities at healthcare facilities has also helped in improving health seeking behavior, reporting cases of diarrhea and promoting good practices e.g. use of latrines with more dignity and privacy, especially important for women. To institutionalize WASH at health level 151 LHWs were also provided with WASH training.

#### Achievements of WASH Services under UN Maternal & Child Stunting Program Progress June 2016-July 2017,

- 30 LG UC Secretaries, Elected LG council representatives and PHE & RDD staff trained on PATS Plus
- Number of LG UC Secretaries, Elected LG council representatives and PHE & RDD staff trained on ODF Sustainability
- 370 Village WASH Committees trained on PATS-Plus and basics of organizational management skills
- 148 Community Resource Persons trained
- PRA baseline conducted for all of 370 project target villages
- 370 Community Action Plans developed
- 70 of villages declared as ODF
- 3316 people gained access to new toilet facilities after triggering process

- 1110 people reach through WASH BCC campaigns
- Two campaigns each of one month of campaign on Global Hand washing Day and World Toilet Day celebrated.
- 60 Local Masons trained
- 30 Entrepreneurs and Sanmark Middle Men trained
- 5 low cost DRR compliant toilet options developed using participatory design development method
- Sanitation marketing demand created for 298 people by entrepreneurs and local masons
- 151 LHWs trained on health and hygiene behaviours for sustainability
- 26548 people gaining access to an improved drinking water source.
- 370 pre-assessments made for WQ and Hazards at preparatory stage for PRA
- 370 water quality monitoring (physical)-sanitary survey undertaken as part of CAP
- 45 Village WASH Committee trained on biological water quality monitoring
- 142 education officials and primary school teachers trained on WASH in Schools
- 71 School Management Committees and PTAs trained
- 10 primary schools have access to WASH facilities
- 345 children have access to WASH facilities (toilets, group hand washing facilities & improved drinking water) in their learning environment and in CFS
- 71 WASH Clubs formed and strengthened
- 10 schools where group hand washing is promoted
- One BHUs with access to WASH facilities (toilets, hand washing facilities & improved drinking water)
- 300 patients benefiting from the WASH facilities in health facilities/BHUs
- 370 hazard maps prepared

#### **Case Study**

District Naushahro Feroz is administratively divided into 5 talukas having the population of 1,087,571, increasing to 1,621,780 as of the 2011 census initial tabulations. Taluka Mehrabpur has 8 union councils with poor wash facilities. The schools have very poor infrastructure of wash facilities, the villagers were commonly practicing the open defecation practices and the health and hygiene situation were alarming.

SAFWCO is implementing a project with the support of UNICEF to achieve the '**Open Defecation Free**' status of the rural communities of Taluka Mehrabpur of District NaushahroFeroz. The vision was to ensure the access to improved sanitation by creating open defection environment for 186,154 people (including women and children).

The success and acceptance of any project or program can be better corroborated from the community participation in the project activities.

### 6. SANITATION PROGRAMME AT SCALE IN PAKISTAN – PHASE II POST OPEN DEFECATION FREE (ODF) SUSTAINABILITY AT DISTRICT THATTA

SAFWCO with partnershipfrom UNICEF completed WASH project title 'Sanitation Programme at Scale in Pakistan' – phase II project by reaching out to 120,000 in selected 249 villages in District Thatta. The project started from 1st July, 2014 and concluded on 31<sup>st</sup>October 2016. The purpose of the project was to ensure access to improved sanitation by creating 'open defecation free' environment and enable the rural communities to realize their rights to improved sanitation and hygiene and focus on reducing and preventing the incidence of WASH related diseases. In addition, school WASH facilities were provided to school children to provide them the conducive and enabling environment to further contribute to retention of school children – especially girl's students.

During implementation of the project, capacity building of selected community resource persons –CRPs, Teachers, education department officials, village development organization members, local masons and entrepreneurs conducted to have significant results on safe sanitation use and positive attitude and to replicate on other beneficiaries.



#### Attaining ODF status for 174 villages

Through interventions of the project, the targeted reached population was remained a great number of 117, 227 individuals including men, women and children. The main and most important objective of the project was to end open defecation and ensure its sustainability. The project has creatively sustained around 174 numbers of villages in alltargeted Union Councils of District Thatta. In order ensure the ODF status, a committee wasformed of local VDOs representatives, Government officials and project team. The mainresponsibility of the committee was to verify again the villages which were given ODF inprevious intervention. In order to further lead the process the government officials wereaccompanied

by local leaders (members from VDOs) and visited all the targeted villageskeeping an eye of ODF sustainability protocols. The committee later on reported to SAFWCO team and informed about the status, after whichSAFWCO team again certified those villages as 'Open Defecation Free'.

#### **Population Using Latrines and Construction of New Latrines**

To avoid open defecation and provide privacy to women and children especially, the communities with own efforts had constructed around 4,145 latrines. These latrines were beingused by around 89,692 number of population comprising on total members from 14,154Households. SAFWCO project team provided technical assistance to the targeted population for enabling them to construct latrines with very low cost. It was necessary to ensure acceptance of the design as per the criteria and local culture of the areas.

#### Mass Media Campaign

Mass media play a valuable role in influencing the public opinion and when they devote space and time to water, sanitation and hygiene, these become legitimate topics of the public's agenda. It is recognized that the media are arenas for advocacy and, whether in the form of an editorial, radio or TV broadcast, video or newspaper article, they can shape and influence behavior and even allocate resources for specific activities. Dissemination of information and interactions among people, for which mass media have a clear role to play are widely accepted as the keys to facilitate the conversion of knowledge to beliefs, attitudes and actions. SAFWCO has placed an agreement with local FM 94 channel to on air messages to emphasize targeted community to promote WASH good practices at larger scale. Messages are recorded in form of role plays and key messages of water and sanitation practices to penetrate the target in local context.

#### **Advocacy Events**

In project life, the project team organized 03 advocacy events. These events were entitled todevelop networking linkages among local community members with UC and district levelgovernment department. Secondly, it helped in addressing the issue of allocating sanitationbudget. In all three events around 52 participants from local representation of targeted UnionCouncils attended. It included members from Sonda, Tando Hafiz Shah, Jhirk and ChhattoChand. The community initially prepared with draft applications addressing to local issues andrequired development work. The drafted applications were further presented to relevantauthorities and requested to work for basic rights of the local communities.

#### **Exposure Visit of Students**

A two day exposure visit was organized for school students. It took place on 23th of July, 2016 and visited prominent places of Karachi and Hyderabad. The visit was organized in order let thestudents learn from eachother and share their success. This exposure was attended by morethan 25 students accompanied by SAFWCO Project team. During the exposure visit, series of activities were conducted in crowded places where studentsperformed on Hygiene songs and demonstrate key steps involved in hand washing. The visit ledthe students to identify and learn through traveling and inquire culture differences among thepeople living in other areas.

#### Achievements of the SPSP -II Project by July 2016-October 2016

- Launched Mass Media Campaign using local channels FM radio and Local TV (WASH messages aired for 5 minutes daily for 8 months.
- O3 Advocacy events organized for district officials and politicians for budget allocations for sanitation
- O1 Exposure visit organized for school children from rural areas at provincial level celebration of Global Hand Washing Day, sharing experiences with provincial authorities and politicians.

### 7. SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF SUBSISTENCE FARMERS IN FLOOD AFFECTED AREA IN DISTRICT SANGHAR

(FUNDED BY GOVERNMENT OF SINDH-DP FROM FEB 2015 TO JANUARY 2017)

SAFWCO has completed project titled" Skill Development of Subsistence Farmers in Agriculture Production, Product Diversification for Sustainable Livelihoods in Flood Affected Area "with funding from Community Development programme, Government of Sindh. The project was stared from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2015 and was scheduled till Jan 2016 but was given extension of one year till January 2017. The objective of the project was to support flood affected rural communities in UC Shahpurchaker with agriculture inputs to farmers, livestock calves for rural landless women, capacity building in agriculture and kitchen gardens for both men and women who were affected by floods during 2010-2011 flood phenomena. Total 1000 rural flood affected communities benefited from the project on sustainable basis.

Earlier with support of community organizations (During Feb 2015 to June 2016) SAFWCO reached out to 30 identified villages where project teams formed 30 groups with designated implementation strategy the "PRA tool" including Social mapping, problem tree, priority chart, transit walk etc. After PRA, 600 farmer beneficiaries, 200 landless women beneficiaries for livestock support and 200 vulnerable women beneficiaries for kitchen gardens were selected and provided with inputs, kitchen garden toolkits and technical knowledge trainings on marketing. Capacity building of the targeted beneficiaries carried out through trainings on Livestock Management Services, Kitchen Gardening and production of high value products and modern farming techniques. Trainings were arranged at Agriculture and Livelihood Resource Center-ShahpurChakar for Targeted (Female) beneficiaries of livestock. Training material was developed in local Sindhi language and all trainings conducted veterinary officer of the project along with distributing some sessions of marketing to marketing specialist for getting better income out of livestock.

During June 2016 to January 2017, SAFWCO accomplished following activities:

#### Calves distribution to 39 landless women

Under project benefits, total 200 landless women were provided with calves and training on livestock in four batches. In last batch, total 39 landless women were provided with calves at Village Ahmed khan Jariko distribution point in January 2017. The distribution of calves was carried out through set protocols and standard policies of asset transfers.



#### Establishment of Agriculture and livelihood resource center (ALC)

An Agriculture Livelihood Resource Center established having specialist services for providing hands on skill development in horticulture products; modern agriculture practices; kitchen gardening; livestock management and veterinary services. The services were provided through a full product development and supply chain management mechanism. It will have following staffing:

- a. Horticulture specialists
- b. Veterinary services
- c. Marketing and Enterprise development expert

The resource center was functional during the project period and large number of beneficiaries gets benefited through service provision on targeted objectives along with facilitation related to management of land, rearing of calves, backyard kitchen gardening among women, providing literature on above mentioned areas and in field facilitation to the direct and indirect beneficiaries by technical staff.

#### **Development of Ten Demonstration Plots**

SAFWCO has also developed 10 demonstration plots in the project area for the facilitation of beneficiaries to have a practical prototype in the field of agriculture and to shift the productivity with safe handling practices. An expert from Sakrand Wheat research center was requested to give technical support to the farmers in terms of development of demonstration of wheat cultivation on ridges and take a session with progressives farmers of targeted union council to convert their cultivation practices along with diversification of agriculture production towards horticulture cultivation for better income generation option along with having short term agriculture production to avoid loses in disaster such as flood. ShahpurChakar is a flood prone area where agriculture and livestock community had face losses of crop and mortality of livestock turned their economic condition dramatically, which is to be replaced with sustainable option.

Ten demonstration plots selection took place within the targeted area, wheat research department of SakrandSindh researcher Mr. Badar din Abro invited to have a meeting on modern techniques of wheat cultivation and to demonstrate cultivation on one demo plot before all demonstrators from community to follow in future. Successfully demonstrators had meeting with research department and practically it was conducted in field.

Achievements of Skill Development of Subsistence Farmers in Agriculture Production, Product Diversification for Sustainable Livelihoods In Flood Affected Area of UC Shahpurchaker-District Sanghar- Progress Feb 2015 - January 2017,

- Agriculture Livelihood Resource Center developed and made functional
- 30 Agriculture farmer/ tenants Groups having 20 members each (total 600 farmers) are formed and provided quality hands- on training; extension and demonstration services
- These 30 Farmers groups provided with seed /fertilizer for the proposed viable horticulture product and are connected to high end market and trained into market mechanisms
- 20 Women Groups comprising of 10landless/ asset less women in each Group (200 women members) provided with calves and trained into better livestock management practices
- 20 Women GroupsGroup (200 women members) are trained in Kitchen Gardening and provided required seeds along with tools.

8. IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SMALLHOLDER WOMEN AND MEN FARMERS IN PAKISTAN (FUNDED BY OXFAM-GB FROM JULY 2016 TO MARCH 2017)

In order to empower women in property rights & productivity, enhance dairy livestock production and strengthen small businesses, SAFWCO has implemented a project with especial focus to women of small income and farmers of District Dadu. The project aimed at enabling women land grantees to utilize land as a productive asset by supplying micro solutions irrigation and linking them to extension services for ongoing,



sustainable support with production. 50 farms were identified as model farms to engage and demonstrate best practices to extension officers. A system of replication has also been ensured by introducing the same model to another 100 land grantees, which are now enabled to successfully irrigate their land and adopt best practices for increased productivity. Innovative technology such as solar pumps for irrigation are introduced as an easily replicable technology that has mitigated climate change effects such as water scarcity that threaten the livelihoods and food security of people in Sindh.

#### Identification of Land Grantees for Low cost Micro Irrigation System:

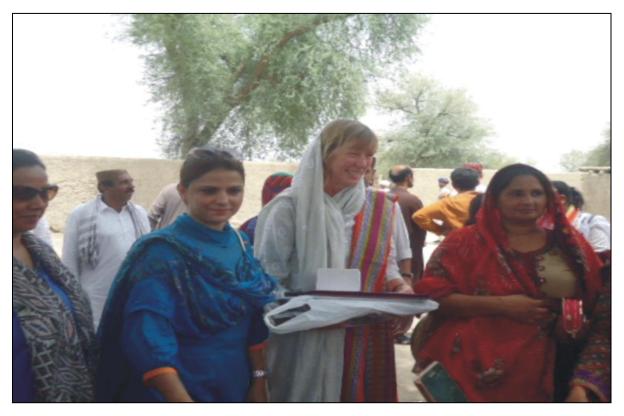
Conventional irrigation system is not so effective in water shortage areas like Dadu district therefore modern irrigation systems to be considered for better Irrigation. Baseline conducted with follow up visits identified for 22 Micro Irrigation Systems where electricity is available and for 28 Micro Irrigation Systems suggested to have solar technology. Total 50 Land Grantees have been identified out of 150 Land Grantees at Tehsil Johi, KN Shah and Mehar of district Dadu.

# Coordination Meetings with Officials of Agriculture Extension & Agriculture department)

Following coordination meetings were accomplished:

- Meeting with Mr. Muhammad Ameen Pahnwar Assistant Director Agriculture Extension Tehsil Khairpur Nathan Shah District Dadu to discuss low cost effective micro irrigation system for increase production and productivity of land grantees of District Dadu.
- Meeting with Agriculture Extension, Agriculture Research, Soil and Water Testing Laboratory representative Mr. Muhammad Anwar Kandharo Assistant Director Agriculture Extension K.N Shah District Dadu was conducted to discuss low cost effective micro irrigation system in the context of local environment and agriculture needs to have good increase in production and productivity of land grantees.
- Meeting with officials of Agriculture Department Deputy Director Head Quarter Dadu and Assistant Director Agriculture Extension K.N Shah District Dadu to discuss low cost effective micro irrigation system increase production and productivity of land grantees.

#### Exposure visit of 50 Female Land Grantees.



As Project focused on the provision of awareness, resources to improve the productivity and lift the economic status of small land holder and to ensure the food security for their families.

SAFWCO project team with women land grantees visited ASIM Agriculture Farm TandoAllahyar to learn experience with drip and low cost technologies for better production and productivity. SAFWCO Team with Land Grantees for exposure at ASIM Agriculture Farm which is located 55 km away from Hyderabad near to District TandoAllahyar. This Exposure to ASIM Agriculture Farm for Best Agricultural Practices, the land of grantees learned about micro irrigation systems, watercourses, lining and drip irrigation system.

# Achievements of economic development of small holder women and men farmers (July 2016 To March 2017)

- Women land grantees increase sustainable production on their land by adoption of innovative production and climate change adaptation methods and technologies
- Identification of low cost effective irrigation and input technologies for 50 women land grantees (solar micro irrigation, local irrigation systems).
- 50 land guarantees have adopted cost effective technology based solutions (Solar micro irrigation, locally established water management solutions).
- 100 women land grantees linked with model farmers and extension services for effective replication of improved production and climate adaptation technologies and practices
- 50 women land grantees trained in micro irrigation technology techniques.
- Local extension services are linked to 100 women farmers for new technology replication.
- Two new types of technologies are identified and provided to 50 small holders/land Grantees Women.

#### CASE STUDY

**AamnatKhatoon**,50 years old, having 14 family members is resident of Village Dhani Dino Pahnwar, Tehsil Johi, and DistrictDadu and is beneficiary of PKNC 67 project supported by Scottish Government and OXFAM GB. She has been provided 1 acre support package under the project and Drip Irrigation Scheme for availability of water. She shared that "usually men are involved in the matters related to agriculture but I am doing this with my son.

When Safwco team came and asked about the land awarded to me I was really depressed having no source for cultivating my Land. Now I am looking after my land properly and happy my children going to school. I first time got the wheat production, it was about 37 Mounds. Now I have come to know about my rights and Agriculture techniques for better production through the TOT Agriculture and I am confident to get my rights on my own."

The Beneficiary Widow Aamnat Khatoon's land situated in rain fed area of tehsil Johi district Dadu with very low rainfall rate.

Currently this area is under the clench of drought. Due to unavailability of irrigation /canal water the land is only cultivate through ground water which is available at 80 to 100 feet depth and was very costly.

Aamnat was unable to cultivate her land as the cost of agricultural input, land preparation, and ground water were beyond her capacity.

SAFWCO team has selected AamnatKhatoon during beneficiary assessment and promise her to support in land cultivation through agricultural inputs, land preparation and arrangement of water source for that AamnatKhatoon received PKR 6000 cash for land preparation, Agricultural input package for wheat cultivation and Drip Irrigation Water Scheme. Also AamnatKhatoon was also selected as trainee for replicated TOT on Best Agricultural practices.

Due To her keen interest and experience in vegetable farming and kitchen Gardening AamnatKhatoon has developed her life with some saving of Goats and Seed for the next session.

### 9. NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN NETWORK (NHN)

Pakistan has suffered head to head disasters in last few decades. Response from the state agencies has been in the limelight. Often, the state response to these disasters needed the supplementary support of humanitarian/civil society organizations. The civil society organizations/NGOs have effectively engaged in relief, response and rehabilitation activity wherever needed. Civil Society Organizations have always played a vital role in highlighting the issues that have been affecting the people.

National Humanitarian Network (NHN) is a decentralized network of National NGOs in Pakistan, led



by an elected chair and central executive committee nationally, with six provincial/regional chapters i.e. Punajb, Sindh, Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhuwa/Fata, Azad Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan. Founded in 2010 in result of interactive dialogue in National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to act as an independent and vibrant voice to engage with stakeholders throughout Pakistan for promotion of humanitarian values by influencing policies and building capacities to ensure right based humanitarian response.

NHN plays a formal representational role for the NGO community in Pakistan at high level coordination meetings and significant role in humanitarian architecture in Pakistan. NHN is having its representation in Advisory and Review Boards of Pakistan Emergency Reserve fund. NHN is continually improving its capacity to act as an effective institution for raising voice of national civil society in Pakistan.

#### **NHN Sindh Chapter Achievements:**

Sindh Humanitarian coordination Mechanism meeting on "Finding of UN joint observation mission to Tharparkar"

NHN Sindh chapter participated in the Sindh Humanitarian Coordination Mechanism Meeting (SHCM)

on "Finding of UN joint observation mission to Tharparkar on September 6th, 2016 at PDMA office, Karachi. The meeting was organized on a single point agenda that where OCHA, FAO and WFP has shared the findings of UN joint observation mission to Tharparkar. Representative from PDMA NHN-Sindh chapter, PHF and UN-agencies were participated.

#### Sustainable Land Management Network Meeting

NHN Sindh Chapter participated in the meeting on September 5th, 2016 organized by UNDP under Sustainable Land Management Network. The objective of the meeting was to share the report on launching of SLM network Sindh and sustainable land management program SLMP Phase – II. Following discussions were carried on in the meeting;

- Launching of the network
- Awareness of basic concepts and practices of good and sustainable land management
- How to mobilize other stakeholders for SLM

#### **Disaster Risk Management Training**

A training namely "Disaster Risk Management Training" was organized by National Institute of Disaster Risk Management on September 27th to 29th, 2016 at Sukkur, Sindh. NHN Sindh members including InsanDost Social Organization, NARI Foundation and Goth Sudhar Social Organization were benefited from the training.

#### Orientation Session on Minimum Standards & Disability inclusion in Humanitarian actors

Tearfund organized an orientation session at Hyderabad on "Minimum Standards & Disability inclusion in Humanitarian actors". NHN members including SSEWA-Pak, PVDP, AWARE, FRDP, RDF, PRDS, VDO, REEDS, MDF, CEAD Foundation and CSSP participated in the orientation.

The program was aimed to provide assistance on the basis of need and without discrimination – requires agencies working in emergencies to reduce barriers so that people with disabilities and older people are not purposefully or inadvertently excluded from the humanitarian response.



#### **Meeting with Country Director OCHA**

NHN Sindh Chapter was invited in the lobbying meeting with Government authorities for creating enabling environment for non-government humanitarian actors. The meeting was organized by UN – OCHA and participated by government officials, NHN Sindh, PHF and representatives of UN Agencies.

Sharing the updates, provincial manager, NHN Sindh Chapter said that NHN Sindh chapter has 67 member organizations in 25 districts of Sindh. NHN Sindh is working onAdvocacy for implementation of humanitarian policies and procedures at provincial & district level

#### **Celebration of World Humanitarian Day**

NHN Sindh celebrated the World Humanitarian Day on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Hyderabad on the global theme "One Humanity". 43 personnel from Civil Society & social activists, NHN member organizations, academia, CSOs representatives, humanitarian workers and media personnel participated in the celebration of World Humanitarian Day. The program was aimed to raise awareness against the principle of humanitarian imperative and one-humanity in the light of World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) outcomes.

#### Strategic Humanitarian Assistance & Participatory Empowerment (SHAPE) Framework Training

NHN Sindh Chapter with collaboration of Tearfund, organized one day training workshop at Hyderabad to enhance the capacity of NHN member organizations in analyzing their competencies and capabilities. The training workshop was participated by NHN Sindh member organizations.

The framework is based on a model of humanitarian capacity that emphasizes the importance of power. During the assessment process, organizations analyzed their humanitarian capacity across the 3 domains i.e. Governance & Leadership, Influence and Preparedness & Response. A capacity strengthened program was also developed in lieu of the priorities and needs highlighted by the participants.

#### Logistic & Ware-house Management Training

NHN with the collaboration of World Food Program (WFP) organized four days "Logistic and Warehouse Management Training" from July 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Hyderabad. 24 participants from NHN Sindh Chapter member organizations including RDF, Arts Foundation, GSF, Devcon, SSTT, READS, SAFWCO, VDO, SSO, Hands, YDF, SRSP MDF and IDSO participated in the training workshop.



#### Training on "Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS)"

Tearfund organized three days training workshop for NHN Sindh chapter member organization from June 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 on "Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS)" at Hyderabad. Training was participated by the personnel from RDF, FRDP, DEVCON, IRADO, SAFWCO, Primary Education Project, PVDP, MEHER, BSDSB, HANDS, AWARE, Provincial Manager NHN Sindh Chapter, SSEWA-Pak, Arts Foundation and SSF.

The training was aimed to enable the participants from NHN Sindh chapter member organizations to explore that how to apply core humanitarian standard and sphere standards as a tool for disaster response and preparedness, importance and implementation of complaint response mechanism (CRM), understand the term accountability framework, purpose & value and drafting of an accountability framework (AF) and agree roll-out implementation of AF.

### 10. Audit Report

#### SINDH AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY WORKERS COORDINATING ORGANIZATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017 Rupees	2016 Rupees
ASSETS		itapoto	Rupeeo
Non - current assets			
Fixed assets - tangible	4	900,513	6,475,944
Fixed assets - intangible	5	336,122	448,163
Total non - current assets	_	1,236,635	6,924,107
Current assets			
Cash at bank	6	2,564,388	25,183,940
Advance, deposit and prepayments	7	6,675,651	4,705,509
Receivables from donors	8	9,392,421	9,716,142
Other receivables		307,807	-
Total current assets		18,940,267	39,605,591
Total assets	_	20,176,902	46,529,698
LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULATED FUND	_		
Accumulated fund			
Restricted fund balance	9 Г	4,533,826	23,257,262
Unrestricted fund balance	°	(948,043)	5 A
	L	3,585,783	(172,040) 23,085,222
Non - current liabilities		-,,	
Deferred capital grant	10	717,833	6,079,063
Current liabilities			
Payable to other project		450,000	-
Accrued and other liabilities	11 _	15,423,286	17,365,413
Total current liabilities	_	15,873,286	17,365,413
Total liabilities		16,591,119	23,444,476
Total liabilities and accumulated fund	_	20,176,902	46,529,698
Contingencies and commitments	12		4
The annexed notes from 1 to 17 form an integral part of these consol	dated fina	ncial statements.	

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#### SINDH AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY WORKERS COORDINATING ORGANIZATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

		2017	2016
INCOME	Note	Rupees	Rupees
Grant income		84,565,916	197,486,988
Deferred capital grant recognized	10	3,235	1,265,170
Bank profits		58,262	139,962
Total income	-	84,627,413	198,892,120
EXPENDITURES	13		
Project expenses	13.1	(52,319,001)	(181,077,207)
General and administrative expenses	13.2	(32,769,003)	(17,807,532)
Other expenses	13.3	(329,478)	(1,692,985)
		(85,417,482)	(200,577,724)
Deficit for the year		(790,069)	(1,685,604)

The annexed notes from 1 to 17 form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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		2017			2016		
	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Total	Restricted fund	Unrestricted fund	Total	
	Note 9			Note 9			
		Rupees			Runees		
Balance at beginning of the year	23,257,262	(172,040)	23,085,222	138,678,627	848,526	139,527,153	
Funde meetingd manipults during the							
Funds received/receivable during the year	66,541,462		66,541,462	80,730,641		80.730.641	
SAF WCUS Contribution	770,637	72,328	842,965	3,716,697	805,000	4.521.697	
	58,262		58,262	139,962		139,962	
	67,370,361	72,328	67,442,689	84,587,300	805,000	85,392,300	
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projects (Note 9)	(1,195,995)		(1.195.995)	19 693 4691		10 500 1000	
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	03,431,028	(39,712)	89,331,916	220,742,465	1,653,526	222,395,991	
Funds utilized under restricted funds	(84,897,802)	ı	(84,897,802)	(197,485,203)		(197,485,203)	
Deficit transferred from							
statement of income and expenditures		(848,331)	(848,331)		(1,825,566)	(1.825.566)	
						(pandamate)	
balance at end of the year	4,533,826	(948,043)	3,585,783	23,257,262	(172,040)	23,085,222	1
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#### SINDH AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY WORKERS COORDINATING ORGANIZATION CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Nete	2017	2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Note	Rupees	Rupees
Surplus for the year		(790,069)	(1,685,604)
Adjustments for non-cash items:			
Depreciation	4	217,437	1,543,597
Amortization	5	112,041	149,388
Deferred capital grant recognized during the year	10	(3,235)	(1,265,170)
Net cash used in operations		(463,826)	(1,257,789)
(Increase) / decrease in operating assets			
Advances, deposits and prepayments		(1,970,142)	(205,370)
Other receivables		(307,807)	4,015,933
		(2,277,949)	3,810,563
Decrease in operating liabilities			
Payable to other project		450,000	
Accrued and other liabilities		(1,942,127)	(7,413,544)
		(1,492,127)	(7,413,544)
Net cash used in operating activities		(4,233,902)	(4,860,770)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Funds received during the year		66,512,153	105,874,569
Funds utilized during the year		(84,897,803)	(197,486,988)
Net cash used in financing activities		(18,385,650)	(91,612,419)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(22,619,552)	(96,473,189)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		25,183,940	121,657,129
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	6	2,564,388	25,183,940

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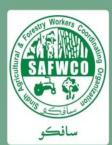
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