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SF Vision

SF envisions a just, inclusive, equitable, enlightened and responsible society.

SF Mission

SF works with marginalized groups for integrated community development and socio-economic empowerment through access to basic facilities, human resource development, partnership building, awareness-raising and rights based advocacy.

SF Core Values

- Respect for all
- Team building
- Non-discrimination
- Inclusion
- Co-existence
- Transparency & Accountability
- Humanity is above all

Our Slogan

Bringing Change Together

From Editor's Desk

Sami Foundation, a non-for-profit organization, established in 1989 has been working for socio-economic uplift, promotion and protection of rights of marginalized and excluded communities of Sindh. SF has been publishing quarterly newsletter in Sindhi and sharing issues of the area as well as endeavors of the organization to help people resolve these issues through social services projects, right-based advocacy, and awareness raising in partnership with national and international donors.

This E-Newsletter is a new initiatives of the organization to keep informed all the stakeholders and well-wishers of the organization regarding development initiatives and activities of the organization. The current issue highlights the efforts of the organization to bring positive changes in the lives of the communities around us.

Your valuable comments and suggestions will enable us to make this newsletter more attractive and improve it in terms of contents.

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING 2016

This year SF organized a comprehensive and detailed annual review and planning meeting in the first week of this month. All departments' head and staff of the organization participated in the planning process. The participants highlighted gaps and areas of improvement of the last year and provided valuable suggestions and measures for implementing the activities in more effective and efficient manner. Besides detailed planning of programme of the organization, issues relevant to finance, administration, logistics, internal and external communication were also discussed in detail and planning made to resolve all these issues in effective way. First time organization's annual plan with clear targets was developed in line with the Strategic Plan of the organization.



DROUGHT RESPONSE

District Tharparkar has witnessed severe droughts in last two years that badly effected lives of Thari people in terms of health, economic and livelihood. The people of Thar were facing acute shortage of water, fodder for livestock, food for their own survival and this led to increase in malnutrition that ultimately caused number of deaths in children.

Though government has also took efforts to mitigate the impact of consecutive drought and improve the conditions through provision of wheat on subsidized rates as well as improving healthcare facilities etc.

In this situation Sami Foundation also took efforts to provide assistance to the drought affected population of Tharparkar and help to minimize the losses and impacts of the drought conditions.

Sami Foundation conducted survey in union council Sonal Beh and approached to Concern Worldwide RAPID FUND for provision of assistance to the drought affected people of Tharparkar. The organization proposed support of fodder for livestock and training on livestock management as it is the main source of their livelihood and survival.

The project, supported by Concern Worldwide RAPID Fund with the financial assistance of US-OFDA was initiated in mid of November 2015 and completed on 31st January, 2015.

The objectives and major activities of the project are highlighted here further.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- (1) Provision of fodder assistance for livestock to 1909 drought affected HHs
- (2) Provision of Training on livestock Management to 1000 men and women

To achieve the above objectives following activities carried out during the project period.

HH base assessment

To collect data of livestock and beneficiary selection household based survey was conducted in 26 villages. Total 2,943 HHs surveyed for the purpose and on the basis of given criteria 2,473 HHs selected for assistance.

Community Orientation Meetings

The project team conducted broad based community meetings to orient the people on the project activities and their respective role in whole process. This was aimed to develop ownership of the project by communities and their participation in all interventions.



Village Support Groups formation

In each village a Village Support Group (VSG) was formed comprised of village volunteers. The group was aimed to support in execution of all activities at village level i.e. beneficiaries endorsement, venue selection for LMT and fodder distribution etc.

Livestock Management Training

The Livestock Management training were organized to equip livestock holders/caterers with knowledge and skills for better and effective



management of the livestock, understanding signs and symptoms of different diseases, need and time of vaccination, knowledge of better fodder and its quantity for different livestock etc. During the project period 50 training sessions organized. A total of **1,374 livestock caterers (536 female and 838 male)** against the target of 1,000 people, improved their knowledge and skills on livestock management.

Distribution of Fodder

The fodder, cotton oil seed cake and wheat husk for small and big livestock (goat/sheep/Cow), which communities already use, was distributed among drought affected households of 26 villages of UC Sonal Beh Taluka Islamakot.



Targeted Vs Reached Beneficiaries	Age (year)	Targeted			Reached		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	Under 18	3300	3026	6326	4269	3881	8150
Above 18	2463	2384	4847	3195	3104	6299	
Total		5763	5410	11173	7464	6985	14449

Details of Fodder Distribution

Union Council	No. of villages	No. of HHs	No. of livestock		Quantity of Fodder	
			Small	Big	Cottonseed oil cake (kg)	Wheat Husk (Kg)
Sonal Beh	26	2,473	13,910	596	325,880	325,880

The activities were monitored by the organization's senior management as well as from Concern Worldwide RF to support the teams for effective and efficient work. Mr. Aneel Ahmed Memon, Program Officer Concern RF conducted monitoring and facilitation visits of villages as well as warehouse and meeting with the staff.



Besides this, Program Manager and Executive Director, Sami Foundation also conducted field monitoring visits from time to time.

Micro Finance and Enterprise Development

Sami Foundation's MF&ED project provides assistance to poorest people of the area, especially women, to initiate and strengthen their small enterprise for better livelihood and socio-economic uplift. During this month 49 beneficiaries selected as group members and 04 as individual through a comprehensive process and verification. The detail of beneficiaries and amount is given here under:

S. No.	Activity	Beneficiaries	Amount
01	Group wise Disbursement	49 Beneficiaries	1,315,000
02	Individual Disbursement	04 Beneficiaries	180,000