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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

The last ten years of parliamentary democratic system representing people in Senate, National Assembly and provincial assemblies has taken remarkable efforts in terms of pro-people legislation promoting and protecting peoples' basic rights. During this period, Provincial Assembly Sindh has also done remarkable legislation and has passed many laws and fulfilled its responsibility of peoples' representation.

The Sindh Protection on Communal Properties of Minorities Act-2013, Sindh Tenancy (Amendment) Act-2013, Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act-2013, The Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act-2013, Protection of Human Rights Act-2011, Child Protection Authority Act-2011, Commission on status of women Act-2015 and Sindh Child Marriages Restraint Act-2015 are few to name.

Sami Foundation appreciates the role of assembly on passing such laws for protection of peoples' rights and hope for implementation of these laws in true letter and spirit with provision of supporting mechanism

PCP CERTIFICATION RENEWAL – VISIT BY PCP TEAM FOR ASSESSMENT

Sami Foundation has acquired its first PCP certification in the year 2011 for one year and later renewed for three years till November, 2015. The organization has continuously growing and developing its systems and procedures as well as increased its outreach in terms of population and geographic area. Currently organization is working in district Tharparkar as well for last two years besides district Umerkot.

For Renewal of the certification PCP team recently visited Sami Foundation and met with governing body members, senior management and other staff members. The PCP team also visited programme area of the organization.



Local Rights Program

During the reporting month the following key activities conducted under programme of LRP-34.

Restructuring of the village groups

In all 14 villages (11 old and three new) of the LRP area community groups are reorganized and restructured in consultation with the communities. The purpose of this was to have a joint platform for all community segments i.e. men, women, children, youth and adults all alike.

In each group there are Members including men, women, Children and youth so that for community collective decision making for communal issues would be practiced and encouraged.

Empowering women economically

Sami Foundation has continuously taking efforts to support women for playing their role in family income and improve their status in the family and society. It will help women to influence decision making in the family in their own interest as well as in the interest of children.

In continuity of these efforts a group of 40 women identified in two new villages while one group is yet to be



identified in third new village. These women will be provided with training to improve their skills in hand embroidery through understanding the new market trends and needs, quality stitching and color combinations etc. so as to earn in better way.

Thar Development Alliance (TDA) Meeting with Education Officials.

The TDA is a representative forum of all villages of LRP-34 area having members from all villages. It meets quarterly to review the progress of the alliance and plan for next quarter. This representative body is responsible for coordination and communication as well as lobbying with government line departments for protecting rights of the villagers (men, women and children) in terms



of social services as well as others.

TDA meeting was held during the reporting month with Taluka Education Officers (male and female) and issue of teachers' absenteeism was raised on the forum. Both officials assured the alliance to resolve the issue of teachers on earliest possible before the start of new academic year.

The elected chairman, vice chairman and members of local government of body of one union council also attended the meeting for developing

linkages with the villagers and government officials. They also discussed about making union council's development plan with the support of Sami Foundation to serve their communities in an effective manner considering their real issues and needs in account.



Regular follow-up visits in villages
Besides this the LRP-34 team also conducted regular visits of villages for schools' monitoring, meeting with women groups, monitoring of collective business initiative by women group and other activities.



DONORS VISIT SAMI FOUNDATION

The visit by donor organization is a regular feature and such visits conducted from time to time. During the reporting month following two visits by donors were conducted.

Visit of Action Aid Country Director

The country director Action Aid Pakistan Mr. Iftikhar Nizam and Mr. Daud Saqlen, Programme Head along with Mr. Shahjahan Baloch, Area Manager Karachi visited Sami Foundation.

The delegation conducted meeting with LRP-34 team as well as management of the organization and had discussion on issues of the area, impact of interventions made with the support of Action Aid Pakistan. They also visited LRP village and conducted meeting with communities to have insight of the programme interventions.



Visit of Programme Director Concern Worldwide-RAPID FUND

During the reporting month Mr. Aamir Mali, Program Director Concern-RF along with Mr. Ali Gohar Khan, Programme Management Specialist USAID-OFDA also visited Sami Foundation. They conducted meeting with the SF management team on issues of drought in Thar and its long lasting solutions along with short term interventions. They also visited village Jan Muhammad Noon of UC Sonal Beh where SF provided fodder assistance and livestock management training under its project supported by Concern-RAPID FUND. They had detailed discussion with beneficiaries of the project on project implementation as well as results of this short term support. Besides this; community also informed them about short term as well as long term solutions to cope with frequent droughts in Thar.



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 77 beneficiaries selected as group members and 12 as individual through a comprehensive process and verification. The detail of beneficiaries and disbursed amount is given here under:



S.#	Activity	Beneficiaries	Amount
01	Group Disbursement	17 Beneficiaries	1,645,000
02	Individual Disbursement	12 Beneficiaries	625,000