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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

Dear Readers,

This is matter of immense pleasure for all members of Sami Foundation to share with you that organization has completed its journey of 27 years with lot of good and bad experiences, affections and sacrifices, contributions and support from and to organization.

This long journey of more than two and a half decades taught many lessons in this field of community development and promotion and protection of basic human rights of the people organization established for.

We appreciate, acknowledge and recognize efforts and contribution of every single person who directly or indirectly associated with or supported organization in terms of finance, time, advice, moral and suggestion. We also acknowledge and recognize support of our all development partners and donors whose assistance and support in capacity building converted a small initiative of a library in a well-known organization around the country.

### 27<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBERATION OF SAMI FOUNDATION

Sami Foundation has completed its 27 years journey on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. This was very inspirational for all family members of the organization to celebrate 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Sami Foundation.

The small event of organization's birthday celebration was organized in head office Umerkot and the Chairman, General Secretary and member Board of Directors, Senior Management team and all staff members of the organization participated in this happy moment and offered best wishes for more successes of organization in future ahead.



## Local Rights Program-34

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

### Women Mella / Festival

Like every year 8<sup>th</sup> March, international women day, is celebrated around the globe. The day is marked for highlighting the rights of women and pledging for promotion and protection of women rights giving them equal status in the society.

In this connection, Sami Foundation also organized an event of Women Festival / Mella at Umerkot. The event was aimed to provide women of LRP-34 villages as well as from the city an opportunity to meet with each other and have discussion on issues relating to women rights violation in the area.



A theatre on issue of early child marriages was also performed during the event to highlight this issue and aware people on recently passed law to restrain people from early child marriages.



Other civil society organizations also participated in the event and put stalls for highlighting their activities for women rights promotion and protection. The event was attended by more than 185 men, women and children from LRP villages as well as from Umerkot.

### Basic Management Skills Training new for Community Support Groups of LRP-34

This year 03 new locations / villages in slums of Umerkot are included in the LRP-34 intervention areas. In these new locations community support groups (CSG) have already formed and organized. During the reporting month a 2-days training on basic management skills was organized for the office bearers and members of these groups.



The training aimed to improve the basic management skills of Community Support Group office bearers and members. The key objectives of the training were as under:

1. To understand the basic concept of Organizational Management
2. To Understand Leadership Skills

3. To understand the Organization and their role in development
4. To understand the important of attitude and behavior in Organization



25 office bearers and members (2 female and 23 male) participated in the training and improved their knowledge and skills to run their organization/group in effective manner for community development

### Livestock Management Training for women of LRP-34 villages

Livestock is a major source of income for people of Thari villages and women have responsibility for taking care of the livestock besides other family affairs. One day village based training sessions on livestock management were organized in 11 villages of Thar.



Through these training sessions 265 women from 11 villages of LRP-34 increased their knowledge about diseases (seasonal as well as routine) and how to save their livestock from the diseases. The participants also improved their skills on better taking care of the livestock.

S.#	Village	Pax
1	Ratnore	25
2	Deyatrio	16
3	Dhalo Jo Tar	27
4	Viklokar	19
5	Ramsar	32
6	Rohiraro	33
7	Menharo	23
8	Maroochar	40
9	Kunbhar Bhadda	15
10	Amrhar	20
11	Bhadi	15
<b>TOTAL==&gt;</b>		<b>265</b>

### WHH VISIT SAMI FOUNDATION

During the reporting month a delegation of welt hunger hilfe (WHH) headed by Mr. Ali Dino Kunbher, Program Manager Sindh visited Sami Foundation on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

The purpose of visit was to have meeting with the organization management, get insight of the program activities and assess the policies and systems of the organization for possible future partnership with the organization.



During the visit SF team given detailed presentation and had discussion with the delegation and shared organization's vision ongoing program and future planning as well.

### NEW PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Sami Foundation's activity based partnership with Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) had already been initiated through supporting an event of "DEEWALI CELEBRATIONS" in October 2014. However, the discussions on various aspects and issues related to minorities' rights were on going for almost a year and in 2015 a concept paper was submitted to NCA by the organization for program partnership that has been materialized in the reporting month for formal program partnership focusing on peace building initiatives and minority rights protection. During the process for the country director Ms. Hanna Molan also visited Sami Foundation and had detailed discussion on issues in the area relating to minority rights and possible interventions for peace building.



### Micro Finance and Enterprise Development Project

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 the month of March 12 orientation sessions conducted in the communities at different locations of slums of Umerkot. 91 women and men received loan applications during these sessions. 79 applications received back to SF and after appraisal and verification process 72 loan applications were approved.



The detail of beneficiaries and disbursed amount is given here under:

1	<b>Number of Groups</b>	<b>16</b>
2	<b>Group members</b>	<b>58</b>
3	<b>Individual Men</b>	<b>14</b>

### Disbursement during the month

1	<b>Group members</b>	<b>1,515,000</b>
2	<b>Individual</b>	<b>870,000</b>
3	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,385,000</b>

### Health & Hygiene sessions

This month 10 Health & Hygiene sessions were conducted with different village communities. 280 women participated in these sessions and increased their knowledge relating to personal hygiene, washing hand with soap on critical times and importance of overall cleanliness.