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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

Peace under threat in Umerkot!

Umerkot that was remained a symbol of peace, pluralism, harmony and co-existence for decades has been continuously witnessing intolerance and hatred on one or other ground and few segment of society intentionally promoting this and igniting such situations for their vested interests.

There was time when people hardly heard of theft or other such crime in the area and had no tension leaving their doors open in day time or night. But since about a decade the birds of peace have been fled from here leaving behind intolerance, hatred damaging fabric of the peaceful district. Now a day theft, dacoities, robberies, rape of women and minor girls and murder like heinous crimes have become routine crimes that were never thought by people of this area.

No doubt such heinous crimes cannot be possible without backing and support of influential that have control over institutions responsible for protecting lives and property, respect and dignity of every common citizen of this area. The institutions who have given mandate to protect rights of the people are not effectively responding to curb culprits of these sever crimes and they do not fulfilling their duties and responsibilities as they were supposed to. The system of check and balance and accountability is non-existent hence these institutions rather realizing their duties and responsibilities serving their masters to protect their own jobs and positions.

The common citizen, especially poor, marginalized and socially excluded segments are under serious threat due to their poverty, low social status, discrimination on basis of caste, religion, faith, social status and so on. The poorest class of the society is more vulnerable to this situation and their sufferings are un-heard and taken as far-granted that ultimately break their trust on the law and enforcement of law for protection of their basic fundamental rights.

It is time to take serious notice of prevailing and emerging threats in future to bring back the identity of this area and protect rights of the marginalized people without any discrimination of caste, creed, faith, religion or other identity. Sami Foundation demands that responsible institutions and department should come forward to protect rights of the common citizen which is their prime responsibility and curb the criminal factors in the area so that peace and pluralism can flourish and people live in peace and co-existence.

Local Rights Program

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

Broad Based community Meeting

Under the strategy of organization it was decided that LRP team and Program Manager conducted a dialogues and sensitize CSG and village community that how they can meet the challenges and issues of villages and develop strong linkages with line department as well as other stakeholders and CSOs working in the area and also planning to implement new projects in this area with the organize way of CSGs on need and priority base planning of village. 3 villages were covered in this month and conducted meetings on demand of CSG and availability of community which was remaining fruitful?

Target Mobilization.

This activity conducted in 4 LRP villages and mobilized to parents that they must enroll their children 4 to 9 years girls & boys in nearby Government Primary school so they can get education there are 73 children are enrolled in 5 GPS of LRP-34 villages.

Coalition meeting of TDA with Elected members of Union Councils, line departments for education and other issues of villages.

A meeting organized by Sami foundation at SRC hall Umerkot on 13th of May-2016 TDA chairman Allah Dino Mangrio chaired the meeting. TOE male Mr. Ramchand Oad and TOE female Ms. Parveen shah from education department ,

Dr. Javed Khoso from livestock department, Mrs. Bhagwani F.W.W from Population welfare department and other CSOs



representatives also participated in TDA meeting , TDA members shared the issues of their respective villages before the line department and also suggested the solution in this regard the TOE Mr. Ramchand Oad & TOE female Ms. Parveen Shah respond to them and said that there are some technical issues due to biometric system implementation and hope that it will be resolved as soon as possible TDA members also shared that a disease is spread in camels and somewhere camels also died so we need support of livestock department & it should take immediate action for the treatment of sick camels in this regard Dr . Javed Khoso VO agreed to organize treatment camp from livestock department in respective villages of LRP-34

Drawing competition Child message collection from LRP-34 villages

This activity was aimed to collect UK



linked sponsored child through drawing competition their message

to his or her sponsor, in which children actively participated with keen interest and drawn colorful images and pictures using drawing material got pictures with their message cards in the end prizes & refreshment was distributed within all children . Messages were collected from 10 villages & 3 villages also twice visited and finally translated & dispatched 226 messages on 25/5/2016.

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 53 beneficiaries selected as group members and 11 as individual through a comprehensive process and verification.

Promoting and Protecting Rights of Thar Coal affected communities

Sami Foundation (NGO) is working in District Tharparkar on "Promoting and Protecting Rights of Thar Coal affected communities" since long; in this connection Sami Foundation is implementing the Advocacy based activities in Thar Coal Area villages.

Group formation and Regular Meetings:

In this month it's formed the 01 Community Support Group in Village Jaman Samoon and conducted the



regular meetings with all groups at village levels in respective 13 project area villages, where it's sensitized and oriented to village community about the basic rights of the locals. It's observed that now community is acknowledged and resist to companies for the basic rights.

1st May, Labour Day Rally:

Sami Foundation trust on advocacy and lobbying and in this connection on the 1st May, it's participated in labour day rally conducted by "Sindhi Mazdoor Tahreek" and shared the views on current situation and issues of labours who are working in Thar Coal area companies, like that they companies are not encouraging to locals in companies and the rights of the villagers are also not entertaining.

Coordination Meetings:

Sami Foundation is right base organization as well, believes on joint work and takes onboard to



Govt. functionaries, public elected representatives and Civil Society

representatives. In this connection a coordination meeting is conducted on 21-05-2016 at Islamkot with Local Govt. representatives of UC Sonal Beh and UC Seengaro, which is the area of Thar Coal Block-II and Block-V. The key agendas of the meeting as the role of LG representatives in this regards and to play the role of advocacy and pressure develop on companies as regards the rights of the locals.

Joint Social Action for Equal Rights and Opportunities for Minorities of Faith & Belief in Umerkot

SAMI Foundation with support of NCA has initiated a project on rights of religious minorities. The project will be implemented in one Municipal Committee, three town committees and six union councils of four Tehsil of district Umerkot including of district Umerkot.

Consultative meeting at UC/TC/MC level

During the reporting period Sami Foundation's Project Team organized consultative meetings with people from diversified back ground including women and youth at UC/TC/MC. These meetings were aimed to orient people regarding the nature and work of project, its objectives and role of the rights activists in forwarding the project objectives in interest of minority rights promotion and protection.



Mir Hassan Arisar Project Coordinator shared the brief introduction of the organization and project and its objectives with all participants and also discussed the issues and discrimination with



religious minorities living in the area. He said that we all have to work together and take a joint social action for the equal rights of religious minorities for peacebuilding. The participations also took interest and fully participated in meeting and discussion regarding issues relating to minority rights' violation.

Formation of Community Peace Groups (CPGs)

During the consultative meetings activists from diversified fields and faiths/beliefs/religion were identified as members of CPG at UC/TC/MC level and later 10 CPGs formed during reporting period.



Members of these groups will play role as minority right defenders in their respective areas and promote peace and pluralism through join actions and interventions by CPGs.