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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

Education is the most important sector that, if works effectively and efficiently, contributes a lot in advancing the nation in race of development and prosperity at global level and enable it to compete in this new era of technology.

In Pakistan in general and in Sindh in particular, this most important sector remained get less attention of those who have been governing us for decades and making promises to improve our conditions in terms of better education, adequate health services, enlarging income generating opportunities but unfortunately these dreams never come true.

In Sindh for few years there is deep realization felt at all levels from common man to decision makers and education authorities that the status of education in Sindh, both in terms of access and quality is very alarming and need immediate attention. In result of this realization though Sindh government is first who passed law of free and compulsory education up to age of 16 for all children under Article 25-A.

Besides this, Sindh Education Sector Plan (SESP) also developed through a comprehensive consultative process involving all key stakeholders. But as usual the pace of implementation on the actions and initiatives recommended in the sector plan is not satisfactory and require more efforts to expedite the pace as the challenges in this sector are very big and need steps on war footings.

The good step, that have demonstrated some positive effects in at least terms of access of education through improving regularity of teachers by implementing bio-metric system as well as effective monitoring system is commendable and certainly will give good results in long run.

We hope that only declaration of emergency in education will not be enough but recommendations of SESP should be materialized both at provincial level and its trickle down at district level under DESPs with effective monitoring on implementation of these plans and quarterly review of the implementation pace will certainly bring some results.

Local Rights Program

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

Quarterly Meeting with Women Right Action Forum

Quarterly women Rights action forum meeting was conducted in reporting month where representative of line departments and CSOs participated also shared the progress & specially working for women participated in meeting, WRAF member Ityan share the progress that they have visited their respective villages and aware peoples to stop early child marriages of their children and harms of it and



what actions will be taken against them in light of law and also shared that in our village and surrounding village. Ms. Ityan shared that there is very much tension of child kidnapping in our villages and mostly children are not going to schools as well as for working women also in harassment of kidnapping. Mr. Haji Hoat shared that there is no any case of kidnapping is reported however SSP Umerkot held press conference and stated that there is no any case is reported and totally disinformation spread by unknown people we will take action against this type

disinformation. Mrs Samjhu Bheel Member WRAF from village Sadamani shared that she getting efforts against early child marriage. She also shared that there is no any school in our village and children are not getting education we demand from education department to open the school. WRAF members from different villages of LRP-34 regarding out breaks of the diseases in their livestock. Dr. Nawas Ali Shahani veterinary officer from livestock department also participated this meeting and replied different questions of WRAF members from LRP-34 villages regarding out breaks of the diseases in their livestock. Mr. Ali Mohammad Panhwer District Population Welfare officer also participated and shared information regarding birth control and birth spacing and facilities available throughout district. Building linkages with other stakeholder especially media to highlight women related issues.

Quarterly meeting with Thar Development Alliance (TDA)

A meeting organized by Sami foundation at SRC hall Umerkot on 20th Septmeber-2016, TDA chairman Allah Dino Mangrio chaired the meeting. Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Khoso (Executive Director-SF), Mr. Arbab Ali Samejo (Chairman Union Council Sekharo) Mr. Sarwan Kumar (Vice Chairman Union Council Kaplor) Mr. Peeral Khan Chandio (Chief Monitoring Officer-Education Dept), Mr. Muhammad Luqman Nohri (Representative of RSU), Mr. Ali Muhammad Panhwar (DPWO-Population Dept), Mr. Waseem Ahmed Kalroo (Azri Dept), Dr. Nawaz Ali Shahani from Livestock Dept and other CSOs representative are participated in the meeting. Mr.

Ghulam Mustafa Khoso (Executive Director Sami Foundation) briefed



about project purpose and he said that we are working in two UCs of taluka Umerkot and we are working on Education and Women economic empowerment, we want to enhance literacy rate as well as quality education, TDA members shared the education related issues like closing of schools and teachers absenteeism issues of their respective villages before the CMO and also suggested the solution, in this regard Mr, Peeral Khan Chandio & Mr. Muhammad Luqman Nohri 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 goats and somewhere so we need support of livestock department& it should take immediate action for the treatment in this regard Dr .Nawaz Ali Shahani agreed to organize treatment vaccine camp from livestock department in respective villages of LRP-34. Mr Waseem Kalroo shared that we have supported tree plantation in LRP villages and also continue in future, in the end of meeting Mr. Peeral Khan chandio and other participants appreciated the efforts of Sami foundation on different issues specially education in backward areas of LRP-34.

Joint Field visits with Educational officials.

Sami foundation has planned and conducted monitoring visit with monitoring cell of education departments its aim to reduce issues and enhance work with mutual



understanding and get positive results and ensure quality education in LRP villages. In this regard conducted joint monitoring visit of SF team with Mr. Peeral Khan Chandio (Chief Monitoring Officer-Education Dept) have visited different schools of LRP-34 Area (Union Council Sekhro and Kaplor). During visit Chief Monitoring officer checked attendance of teachers and students' enrollment and conditions of school building and took some actions on spot for regularization of teachers, after the visit of CMO and 5 schools are open and now running properly and regularly in LRP-34 Project area.

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 07



as individual through a comprehensive process and verification.

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

SAMI Foundation with support of **NCA** is going to work in District Umerkot on rights of religious minorities. In this project Sami Foundation shall work in four Tehsil of district Umerkot including One Municipal Committee, three town committees and six union councils of district Umerkot.

Tribute to Religious scholar and Peace Ambassador

In the month of september-2016 we celebrated sham with Moulana Abdul Rehman Jamali sab on 10-09-2016 in Umerkot at Ghosia Nursery park and inauguration of book published on role and personality of respected Jamali Sab and decorated with life time achievement award, to



enhance the role in interfaith harmony and peace building. Every person should be peace ambassador and play role in peace building and interfaith harmony, and in such a way we can pay such a tribute to peace ambassador in our society

said by Moulana Abdul Rehman



Jamali Sab and Syed Sardar Ali Shah the Chief Guest and Minister for Culture and tourism Government of Sindh.

In the reflection of celebration with religious leader, Rana Hammer Singh paid honor to the Religious Scholar and peace Ambassador Respected Moulana Abdul Rehman Jamali Sab, and objective of this honor to peace promote and create brother hood among Hindus, Muslims and people



of different faiths. So Rana Hammer Singh decided to paid honor to Moulana Abdul Rehman Jamali Sab.

Celebration of International Peace Day

CPGs of UC Ghulam Nabi Shah



celebrated International Peace Day to highlight the importance of Peace and interfaith harmony and co-existence, speakers delivered the speeches on Peace, interfaith harmony and human and minority rights and the message of peace and

love becomes the slogan during the celebration. It is a great initiative and efforts of Peace Group of Ghulam Nabi Shah for celebrating this international day and



appreciated their efforts because this is first social event celebrating here at Ghulam Nabi Shah since last forty years, and we all must have to focus on peace building and interfaith harmony and must protect the rights of religious minorities and I also appreciate the efforts of Sami Foundation for supporting and organizing such event by peace group said by Mian Khalid Walhari, notable of UC Ghulam Nabi Shah.

Celebration of Joint Event on Religious Day

CPGs of Kunri & Bustan jointly celebrated Eid Milan Party at TC Kunri to promote the joint celebration of religious events Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur becomes the chief guest and



delivered the speech on peace and interfaith harmony and appreciated joint celebration. Nawab Muhammad Yousif Talpur MNA and member central executive committee Pakistan People's Party appreciated the work of Sami

Foundation here at taluka kunri and district Umerkot, he said that such type of Joint celebration of religious should be organized to promote



peace and harmony in our society, he also appreciated the efforts of Peace Group Kunri and Bustan for organizing such mega event with participation from every religion and faith.

Taluka Level Women Group Formation

During the month we formed the women groups at taluka level in



taluka Samaro, and Kunri comprised of MRDs Female and local resident from different villages and diverse faith communities.

Follow up Meeting with CPGs

Follow up meetings conducted with CPGs to review the progress and prepared action plan to deliver the awareness sessions at community level. Trained CPGs organized the community awareness sessions at their villages and further delivered the message at village level.

Monitoring Cum-Support Visit by Donor

Mr. Rizwan Ali and Mr. James from NCA Head Office Islamabad visited

district Umerkot, Project team present Project Presentation and also visited field and conduct



meetings with CPGs of UC Khejrari, UC Kharoro Syed and also conduct meeting with Taluka Level Women Group TC Kunri it was remained good interaction with all groups. It was good opportunity for us and learned many things, and also they participated in follow up meeting with all CPGs with cultural night.

