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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*

### DEMOCRACY – ONLY HOPE FOR PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN

After all speculations and rumors finally peoples of Pakistan have been successfully exercised their right to vote and elect representatives of their choice to represent their will in the parliament and legislate according to the will of people of Pakistan for prosperity of people and stability of the country to face the challenges.

People of Pakistan have firm believe in democracy and democratic institutions that's why in spite of all rumors, difficulties, threats, terrorism, and other challenges around the country people came out at large, especially women, and casted their votes to strengthen the democratic process and institutions in the country because this is the only hope for people of Pakistan.

The people have responsibly played their role peacefully, now the responsibility lies on shoulders of the elected representatives and new government to play their role effectively, efficiently not only to fulfill their promises but to strengthen the democratic institutions.

Though there are so many challenges in terms of economic growth and stability, yet with proper planning and transparent decision making these challenges can be converted in opportunities to reduce the vulnerabilities of people of Pakistan and initiate and focus on human resource development.

## Strengthening CSOs and LAs for effective accountable and democratic governance and gender responsive public services in Sindh Pakistan in district Umerkot”

Sami foundation (SF) is implementing a project funded by EU with ActionAid as lead partner under title **“Strengthening CSOs and LAs for effective, accountable and democratic governance and gender responsive public services in Sindh Pakistan in district Umerkot”**. The overall objective to support an effective civil society and local authorities to achieve the overarching goals of an accountable and transparent local government institution. The project is spread over three year’s period.

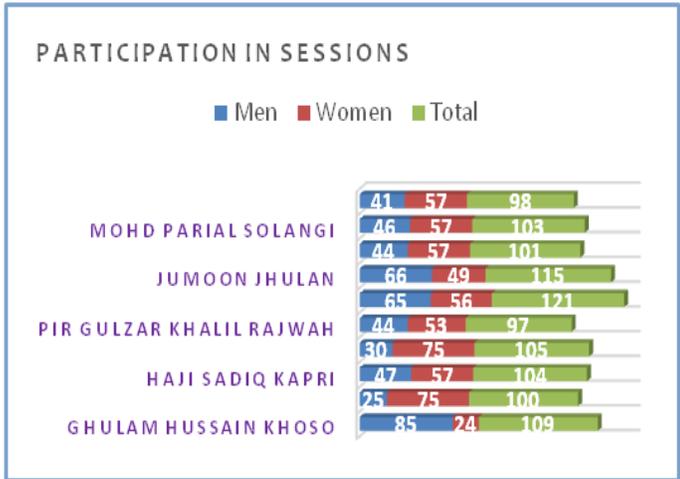
### Community Awareness Rising Sessions

During the Reporting Sami Foundation Team Organized 10 Awareness rising sessions in various UCs of district Umerkot. The core idea of the Action is to strengthen local government institutions, help them in participatory and gender responsive budget process and participate in effective planning. Objectives of the training are to make Active citizens understand their role at different stages of planning. Through this awareness raising sessions we reached to Total 1053 people(men 493 and women 560) who attended these sessions including UC chairman & councilors.

These sessions were organized in following villages



with participation of men, women and total.



### HILLS Project

Our overall project goal is to increase the attention paid to the need for progressive use of tax revenue to improve the quality of public education, and to increase the number of pledges to review existing regulations on tax and earmark new tax revenues for education. ActionAid aims to provide a credible, fair, sustainable, alternative solution to the current model: privatization. The solution we propose increases good governance, promotes equality and social cohesion, while decreasing corruption and aid dependency. Sami foundation conducted household survey in 15 villages of District Umerkot to analysis provision of free education by government in government schools, collected data is shown in graph.

### Community Awareness session on the building understanding on progressive taxation and education financing

Sami foundation implementing Hill project in LRP-34 villages District Umerkot .SF team organized a community awareness rising session in 14 LRPs villages (Use of reflection action tools to build understanding of progressive taxation and education financing in new and existing LRPs) The activity started with the recitation of holy Quran then followed by the introduction of SF team and participants. Shanzeb sponsorship officer briefly introduction of project and

its objectives for common understanding on tax justice ,He said that we are paying tax to govt on each and every thing like mobile card ,and other utilities and then govt provide us different facilities but govt not yet fulfill our basic facilities or needs like education ,health , safe drinking water , electricity ,roads



,employment etc , so we want that govt should provide us our basic needs specially quality education to our children on door steps ,so if you want that it is our basic right then you have to struggle for it and raise voice before our political leaders so they can understand and get efforts for justice . In the last participants gave feedback about session

### Research Study

Action aid and Sami Foundation Jointly conducted a survey regarding Hill project. This survey was done at fifteen villages in different UCs; the purpose of this survey was to understand the costs and challenges of sending children to school in this community and to learn about people’s experience of and attitudes to education. So in this research some form was remaining to some children so this remaining form has been completed.

### Remaining Child Messages Collection & New profile collections

Remaining Child message were collected in village Jewan Nagar total (09) child messages were remaining

from our end these all collected and dispatched to CS unit. During child messages collection we have collected new profile because six children were migrated during child message collection replaced of that children we collected ten new profiles each child message and photo has been individually checked by us. Children participation and input were highly appreciated on every level it was aim to involve children as well parents to see how this activity bring change in child mind.

Childs has played more fun activities and enjoyed each other they had played games like fruit eating competition, Drawing competition and other activities, After than gave them tips on drawing making how to draw pictures for their sponsor friends they are waiting



for their cards letters. Members of youth groups and CBO members have participated in these sessions and gave the positive feedback. Children who have an involved father are more likely to be emotionally secure, be confident to explore their surroundings, and, as they grow older, have better social connections with peers.

These children also are less likely to get in trouble at home, school, or in the neighborhood. Infants who receive high levels of affection from their fathers (babies whose fathers respond quickly to their cries and who play together) are more securely attached; that is, they can explore their environment comfortably when a parent is nearby and can readily accept comfort from their parent after a brief

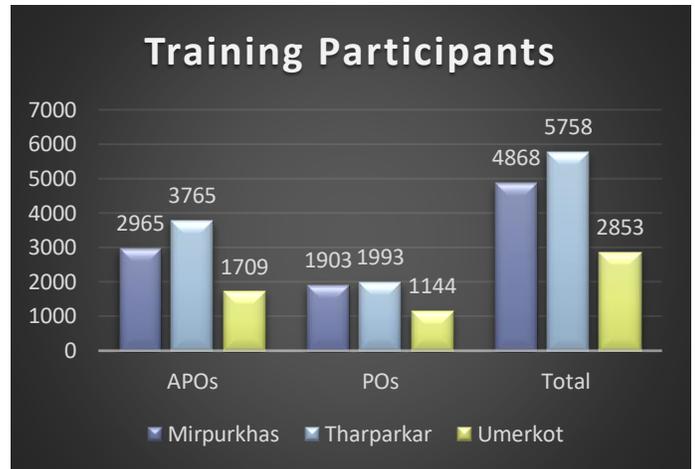
separation.

## Tabeer Consolidating Democracy in Pakistan Programme

Tabeer - Consolidating Democracy in Pakistan Programme is planning to organize training workshops for election and polling staff in Sindh and KPK for upcoming General Elections 2018. In division Mirpurkhas with support of SAMI FOUNDATION. Under this training programme, all Presiding Officers and Senior Assistant Presiding Officers will undergo two-day training on electoral process their role and responsibilities. Tabeeers - Consolidating Democracy in Pakistan Program is led by Development Alternative Incorporation (DAI) with support of Sami Foundation.



Sami foundation is providing logistic assistance for trainings of Presiding Officers, Senior Assistant Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officers and Polling Officers. Besides this the project team also providing facilitation to District Election Office in terms of development of training plan, coordination with multi stakeholders to make process more effective and feasible. The training sessions of Polling Officers and Assisting Presiding Officers started in Mirpurkhas Division on 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2018, Organization provided logistic assistances to polling staff, and Organization prioritized best set standards of facilitation of polling staff for national cause.



Sami Foundation team facilitate line departments in coordination planning, identification & communication to identified trainees, notable from line department were participated in training session, DEC, DRO & ROs, NARDA official, representatives of education department, health department & administration focal persons Organization facilitates all stake holders as per requirements.

The graph shows the total number of participants who attended the training and participants who were absent from the training.

