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PROJECTS:

→ Sindh Drought Resilience Program (SDRP) Umerkot

→ Saaf Suthro Sindh Program Umerkot & Tharparkar

VISION

SF envisions a just, inclusive, equitable, enlightened and responsible society.

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.

CORE VALUES

Respect for all
Team building
Non-discrimination
Inclusion
Co-existence
Transparency & Accountability
Humanity is above all

Our Slogan

Bringing Change Together

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 36 village drought mitigation plans of VDMCs and 01 of UDMC developed in follow up of training of VDMCs and UDMC. Plans are based identification of hazards in the area, resource mapping and planning to mitigate if there is any disaster.
- First round of session have been conducted in 7 FFS with 126 progressive farmers including 79 women and 47 men on land preparation, irrigation and compost making.
- 50 male and 50 female Community Livestock Extension Workers (CLEWs) were identified. An agreement is signed with Sindh Agriculture University of Tando Jam for their training.
- Sami foundation declared 50 open defecation free villages in 10 UCs of District Umerkot where SSSP team adopted whole process of CLTS approach. After completion of 100% latrine construction .
- During month of March 2020 Sami Foundation SSSP team, CRP & AOCs conducted awareness session and hand washing demos in different villages of district Umerkot.
- 88 Cleanliness campaign were organized in 88 villages till March 2020 in district Umerkot under Saaf Suthro Sindh Program.

Sindh Drought Resilience Program (SDRP)

Community Base Disaster Risk Management Training (CBDRM): Community Base Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) on Drought mitigation, Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) training have conducted with 37 VDMCs and 01 UDMC, pre, post forms also got filled from VDMC members, post evaluation form was also filled to assess the quality and way training, the training of VDMC is mainly focused on assessing vulnerabilities and capacities of communities, drought mitigation and development of mitigation plans focusing on pre, during and post activities of disasters, thus networking and communication had been added in UDC training to make them capable for development Liaoning with the relevant department as well highlighting the issues of villages to concern departments. These training were participated by 288 women members & 252 men members from VDMCs and there were 24 members participated in 01 UDMC level training.



Village Drought Mitigation Plan (VDMP)

36 village drought mitigation plans of VDMCs and 01 of UDMC had also developed, focusing on pre, during and post activities of disasters, hazard, resource maps, to know the history of disasters and cropping patterns seasonal and historical calendars also developed, which gave clear picture of the area and supported in development and sound mitigation plan.



Sub-district Disaster Management Committees:

During reporting period 02 SDDMC formed in 02 Taluka of District Umerkot, program team conducted meeting with relevant stakeholders to make them part of these SDDMCs i.e. UDMCs, CBOs/COs, Sub-district level elected local bodies, Government representatives (e.g. Agricultural Extension Workers, Livestock Extension Workers/ community animal health workers, Representatives from Media, Local Body department, elected representative & Private sector, civil societies etc. The forum will be trained in drought preparedness and mitigation, however the members will be trained in risk assessments and essential risk management tasks in their respective area, these Forums were attended by 38 members.



Agriculture and Food Security:

Livelihood team of Sami Foundation has been engaged in different activities of livelihood, 09 Farmer Field Schools have been formed. Sami Foundation picked 09 sever drought hit Union Councils to carry agriculture and food security activities and planned to identify 225 progressive farmers, these progressive farmers will be trained in Climate Smart Agriculture practices through the expertise of Arid Zone Research Institute (AZRI) Umerkot, so far first round of session have been conducted in 7 FFS sessions with 126 progressive farmers including 79 women and 47 men on land preparation, irrigation and compost making. In the same reporting period, second round of the session also have been conducted, where livelihood and agriculture team conducted 4 session with the same progressive farmers where content covers such as; compost making and its importance & benefits, compost demonstration, introduction and importance of Climate Adaptation and Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA).



Identification of Community Livestock Extension Workers

During this reporting period, 50 male and 50 female Community Livestock Extension Workers (CLEWs) were identified. An agreement with Sindh Agriculture University Tando Jam was reached for CLEWs training which was scheduled in March 2020. However, the training had to be postponed due to the current COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent lockdown. It is postponed until field movement restrictions and social distancing prevention measures are lifted.

New Livelihoods Development

During reporting period 40 beneficiaries of skill development training have been identified including 20 males and 20 females, though this training was scheduled in April 2020, hence it was postponed due to current pandemic of COVID-19, now it has been planned in May 2020 depends on situation comes normal.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

During reporting period 30 Community Outreach Workers have been identified, and 29 out of them oriented followed agreement with them, these identified COWs assigned to take sessions at Household level on health and hygiene i.e. Personal hygiene, Domestic hygiene, Environment hygiene, Water treatment method, Critical times of hand washing, and importance of latrine use, these COWs were also engaged in awareness sessions regarding precautionary measure for COVID-19 from mid of March, the community outreach workers visited 2478 households which attended by 8931 females, 6503 males and 761 children.



Children Hygiene Clubs:

11 Children Hygiene Clubs have also been formed during reporting period including, 61 boys and 51 girls in total 112 children. And overall, 71 children hygiene clubs have been formed throughout the period. In the reporting period, WASH team oriented these 40 children/school hygiene clubs, session includes; hygiene promotion and their roles and responsibilities in changing behavior and spreading the messages to their peers, parents and community members.

During reporting period 337 household tanks identified from 71 villages of deserted UCs, some 12% of them also verified by M&E Section of Sami Foundation as per SoP, which were supposed to vary upto 30%, hence due cur-

rent pandemic & lockdown situation those were not verified, the process of procurement and repairing/construction also stopped due to current situation, the work would be initiated after situation comes normal.



Saaf Suthro Sindh Program:

Formation of Village Organization

In the reporting quarter 87 village organizations formed (81 VOs are formed 10UCs taluka Umerkot and 6 VOs formed in 3 UCs of taluka Samaro) for implementation of project activities in district Umerkot. However, there are total 60 number of village organization are formed in district Tharparkar.



Declaration of 50 ODF villages.

Sami foundation declared 50 open defecation free villages in 10 UCs of District Umerkot where SSSP team adopted whole process of CLTS approach. After completion of 100% latrine construction, SF team driven BCC (behavior change communication campaign, delivered Health & Hygiene session, cleanliness campaigns and formed Wash Clubs in School & village level.



Stakeholders consultation meeting (FGDs for ESMP Report)

During reporting month Environment Expert conducted 30 stake-holders consultation meeting with teachers, students, SMCs and Vos. They shared their views and suggestions for school Wash facilities and the current status of facilities and its improvements.

Approval Of Village List By DCCN

DCCN district Umerkot approved the list of 315 villages and notified with mutual consent. The chairman DCCN Umerkot appreciated the implementation of SSSP and asked for fully cooperation of district administration and other stakeholders. Similarly in district Tharparkar, The chairman of ODF comiitee District Tharparkar Mr.Aftab Ahmed Mughal has approved the list of 392 villages.



Identification Ambassador Of Change

During reporting quarter there are 87 active females are selected through broad based community meeting as ambassador of change, who are working with different NGOs and are well-known in community, in total 87 AOCs are identified till March 2020 in district Umerkot. Similarly in district Tharparkar, 60 ambassador of change have been selected through broad based community meetings.

Identification Community Resource Person (CRP)

In the first quarter of 2020, 87 active male community resource persons (CRPs) are selected through Broad based community meeting who are social/community activist. Similarly in district Tharparkar there are 26 community resource persons have been selected.

Triggering In Village:

In the first quarter 2020 process of triggering conducted in 87 villages in which community is highly sensitized about ODF, situation and for its improvement. There are other sub activities of triggering (CLTS) like social mapping, shame walk, shit collection, medical expenses analysis & Glass demo in communities sensitized about harmful effects of open defecation and agreed to control defecation & constriction and use of toilets in their own houses. Total 87 triggering are conducted in district Umerkot. And in district Tharparkar total 109 triggering sessions have been conducted in reporting period.

Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

For the effort to deter fraud and corruption, the use of a dedicated mobile application has been proposed for re-

porting of grievances from field level to district and provincial headquarters. This will not only provide a coherent system of checks and balances but will also enable swift redressal and effective monitoring of complaints. Grievance Focal Points (GFPs), which will be the ambassador of change and educated people from each community regarding Grievance. (109) Banners of the Grievance was placed in villages of district Tharparkar. Similarly in district Umerkot there are 87 banners are placed in respected villages.



Health Sessions:

During reporting quarter 89 Health & Hygiene sessions were conducted on village level in where the Hygiene promoters delivered the session and awareness about importance & problems of the personal hygiene, household level and village level hygiene in district Tharparkar. However, in district Umerkot 88 health and hygiene sessions have been conducted.

Cleanness Campaign:

During reporting quarter SF team and community male // female and children participated & jointly derived cleanness campaign village and delivered different slogans on health and hygiene and importance of cleanness and its effects on routine life and health they swept the streets and collect garbage and dumped away from village There are 88 Cleanness campaign were drive in 88 villages till March 2020 in district Umerkot. Similarly, in district Tharparkar there are 89 cleanness campaigns have been derived.



Formation of WASH Clubs:

During reporting quarter 88 Wash clubs are formed on school and village level because children can play the vital role & as a change agent for the promotion of hygiene because they adopt easily habits and can also insist and de-

mand from their parent for wash activities and implement on school or village level health & hygiene or cleanness campaigns. SF team conducted the meeting with HMs & teachers & students of functional schools and sensitized them about the importance of personal health & hygiene and hand washing on critical times their role for village ODF. The group consists of 9 girls and boys from class 3rd to 5th. Wash club sheet also formed and displayed in schools with name & responsibilities of each member after endorsement of teachers. However, in district Tharparkar total 89 children wash clubs are formed.

Awareness Sessions COVID 19

During month of March 2020 Sami foundation SSSP team, CRP & AOCs conducted awareness session and hand washing demos in different villages under Saaf Suthro Sindh Project in District Umerkot. They delivered session on importance of hand washing in routine life as well as in current pandemic situation of COVID 19. SF team also delivered session to aware social distancing and other precautionary measurements to prevent COVID 19 to be safe in the pandemic situation.



Monitoring Visit Of SSSP (MSAN) Team:

Mr. M Ismail M & E specialist & Hafiz Abdul Gaffoor Environmental specialist from (MSAN) SSSP Program conducted 2nd monitoring visit of SSSP project District Umerkot on 1st February 2020 Mr. Mohd Ismail Zardari visited village Photo Bheel & Mitho Khan Rajar conducted meeting with VOs & monitoring of latrine construction, cleanness & hygienic condition of community, situation analysis of water sources. Hafiz Gaffoor Conducted the meeting with Environmental Experts of District Umerkot & Tharparkar about ESMP report finalization & feedback for further improvement in ESMP reports appreciated the efforts and progress of the team, given feedback.



One day training (CRPs)

Sami foundation organized one day training of CRPs on mobilizing communities towards ODF at PMA Hall Umerkot in February 2020. Mr. Suresh Kumar Pragani PM facilitator & Dr. Hoat Khan DPC SSSP as co-Facilitator conducted the training in district Umerkot. Similarly a one day training held for CRPs in district Tharparkar.



Capacity Building and Organization Development:

Sami Foundation remained part in the Strengthening Civil Society Organization Project by IRM, funded by USAID, and in partnership with University of Massachusetts. Project's last ceremony held at Islamabad on 14th January 2020, where Executive Director Sami Foundation Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Khoso, and General Secretary Mr. Bansi Malhi participated. However, IRM conducted multiple trainings on organization development such as; Monitoring and Evaluation, Communication and Social Media Management, Human Resource Development, Advocacy, Networking and Lobbying.



Three days training on CBDRM by Concern:

A three days training of trainers (ToT) of Resilience Building Facilitators had been conducted under Sindh Drought Resilience Program (SDRP) from 11-13 February 2020 at Indus Hotel Hyderabad. Overall the training was lead by Suleman Shah, Advisor of CBDRM at Concern Pakistan.

