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## Disaster Resilience Forum Sindh Chapter

### (October 2017)

During the reporting period, DRR Forum Sindh chapter remained active & conducted meetings on monthly basis. On a recent meeting held in the month of October, Mr. Paul Johnston from Tearfund UK participated in the meeting and delivered a session on Business Development. The presentation covered the ambit of Business development methods with perspective of NGOs, Funding revenue, partnerships, innovations and change in humanitarian sector. Mr. Asim Jaleel (Tearfund) added that MDGs were all missed in Pakistan. Our country has been ranked 147<sup>th</sup> in Humanitarian Development Index, the lowest in the region. Students were also given chance to speak their views, they said that they have implementation problem. They need support to create interest and enthusiasm among students in order to bring behavioral change. The meeting was concluded on the agreed decision on sharing 4W matrix.



discussed that MIRA tool has been revised and formed a digitalized version has been introduced for easy access. The participation of DMAs, humanitarian partners, Government Administration with gender balance

will be ensured as well. It was discussed about upcoming mega event to be organized by the Community world service Asia collaborating with Social work department. International DRR conference and exhibition will take place in the first half of October and participation by the partner and their nomination was discussed in this meeting. Mr. Aziz from Focus Humanitarian assistance delivered a session on shake out and asked participants to contribute as Global Shakeout Day will be celebrated all over the world.



### (September 2017)

During this meeting held in the month of September, A more measured debate took place on MIRA tool. It was

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## Resilience community through food security

By: arche noVa

**C**onsortium of arche NoVa e.V, Plan international and NRSP is implementing three years "Resilient Community through food security" project funded by BMZ Germany in three



Union councils of District Badin and Mirpur Khas Sindh. DRM is an integrated component in the project to enhance the capacity of the community. During the reporting period, arche noVa e.V in collaboration with project partners and Local Support organization organized training sessions on First Aid, Search and rescue and performed mock drills. More than 500 project participants were the part of this activity. This training was performed in Union council Roshanabad and UC Dilawar Hussain in District

### Training details

Name of Trainings	No. of days	QTY	No. of beneficiaries
First Aid Training	3	2	76
Search & Rescue	2	2	77
Mock Drill	1	2	400

Mirpur Khas for the members of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) formed under the same project. 15 CERT has now been equipped with basic tool kits aiming to facilitate the CERT in the basic response during emergency situation.



## The National DRR Conference & Exhibition

By: CWS-A

Community world Service Asia has been a part of DRR forum Sindh chapter. Recently Community world Service Asia collaborating with department of Social work, University of Sindh Jamshoro organized a mega event "The National Disaster Risk Reduction Conference & Exhibition" where DRR forum Sindh Chapter members proactively participated in this event. The National Disaster Risk Reduction Conference & Exhibition was successfully conducted from 10th to 12th October at the University of Sindh, Jamshoro. The two-day conference defined ways in which disaster

risk reduction may become more effective in the future.

The event emphasized on the role of scientific research and highlighted the development and dissemination of research based risk knowledge, methodologies, practices and tools on DRR by institutions, academia and humanitarian organizations. The conference proposed recommendations in the shape of focused, forward-looking and action-oriented future course of

actions for the humanitarian community, CSOS, academia and researchers to reduce risks, ensure preparedness and build resilient communities in Pakistan.

An exhibition was held on 12th October which showcased good practices from the field suitable of application and replication by various organizations including Malteser International, Handicap, SSEWA-Pak, Fast Rural Development Program (FRDP), International Rescue Committee, Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, Pakistan Village Development Program (PVDP) and Rural Development Association.

## Academia Pilot Fund Project

By: FRDP Pakistan

### About Project:

Pakistan has been declared country worst hit by climate change impact. In recent past country has experienced more erratic, intense and frequent natural disasters in the shape of earthquakes, floods, GLOF and heatwaves etc. Considering future challenges along with humanitarian NGOs, academia has also taken initiative and there are some public sector and private sector universities in Pakistan who have introduced programs around disaster preparedness and response. Thus project initiated to implement collaborating with University of Sindh Jamshoro collaborated with Abida Taherani Sindh Development Studies Centre. The development of the present Campus at Jamshoro, about 15 kilometers from Hyderabad on



the right bank of River Indus now designated as Allama I.I. Kazi Campus, was started in late fifties. Most of the teaching departments under the Faculty of Science were shifted to the new campus in 1961, with departments under Arts & Humanities following suite in 1970.

### Milestone achieved under this project

- Fast Rural Development Program- conducted Short courses on Disaster preparedness and response with collaboration of Abida Taherani Sindh Development Studies Centre - University of Sindh, Jamshoro.
- 11 Modules under the theme of "Emergency Preparedness and Response" were covered by the 05 days course schedule into two phases of training program.
- Highly qualified Professors, Environmental experts, International and National consultants including Govt officials conducted these interactive sessions.
- Overall 250 students enhanced their knowledge on DRR
- Team of volunteers consist of 200 members have been formed to response during any natural calamity.
- Mock drill on Fire, Flood and Earthquake was performed with University Students.
- 20 students including boys and girls worked with different INGOs and NGOs for one month paid internship during this project and gained their experience.



## Activity Updates

By: RDA

**A**bout RDA: Rural Development Association - RDA is a not-for-profit, non-political and non-sectarian Social welfare and Development organization. RDA is registered under the Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration and Control) Ordinance XLVI of 1961 as a non-governmental organization. RDA was established in 2007 with the objectives to dedicate itself for the cause of sustainable development of the downtrodden and marginalized segments of communities in Sindh.

Since its inception, RDA has implemented various projects including preventive healthcare projects funded by District Govt., WASH projects funded by KDF, DMAID and several need based activities with the support of local philanthropists.

### Distribution of NFIs among fire affected 12 households of Village Noorani Dahli Thar:

On Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3.30 PM an incident of fire due to electric short circuit took place in one of the 96 houses in village Noorani Union Council

team made immediate response of this calamity and with the support of KDF & local philanthropists distributed cooked food to the affected households on a very next day of the incident. RDA team also conducted needs assessment collected information of the incident; data relating to damages caused by incident and immediate needs of the community so that response can be made for minimizing the effects. RDA distributed NFI kits to 12 most vulnerable households which included Water cooler, Clothes, quilts and bed sheets.

### Village Disaster Risk Management Committees:

Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster preparedness is one of RDA's cross-cutting themes for its interventions. After the fire incident of Odhani and Vakrio, RDA planned to organize village level Disaster Risk Management Committees and provide them training on preparedness for fire incidents and prevention and management of heat stroke



will also be provided necessary information on various natural and man-made disasters and with RDA's support will do hazard mapping for their respective villages. RDA provided training and necessary equipment to these VDRMCs to reduce the impacts of any disastrous event.

### Monthly food package distributed to 12 fire affected families @ village Noorani Dahli Thar:

With the financial support from Danish Muslim Aid (DM AID) Karwan and RDA team distributed monthly food package and small water storage tank with 12 fire affected families @ fire affected village Noorani Taluka Dahli District Tharparkar.

### Tree plantation campaign in District Tharparkar:

Environment is one of RDA's main cross cutting themes and preventive health care one of core areas of interventions. As RDA operates in Thar as its focus geographical area, it is very important for RDA to tackle health and environment related issues that hinder socio economic well-being of the local communities. Hence, RDA has developed a 03 year integrated strategy to address the most dominant issues of malnutrition and desertification. Under this strategy, RDA has been completed plantation of 25,000 nutrition rich trees during this moon soon season July to Sep 2017.



Dahli of Taluka Dahli District Tharparkar. All of a sudden the gusty winds spread the fire in village and around 12 houses along with belongings and some goats were burnt into ashes. In a result of this incident 12 families become shelter less all of a sudden. RDA field

to cope up with the disastrous situations at village levels under RDA's DRR program. The main objective of these VDRMCs formation is to sensitize, organize and enable rural communities to be resilient towards disastrous situation arising at local levels. These VDRMCs



## Global shakeOut drive By: FRDP Pakistan

The Great ShakeOut is a global annual safety drill that originated in California designed to improve earthquake readiness which the Agha Khan development network (AKDN) is a part of. Each year billions of people from British Columbia to Nepal to New Zealand participate in the global shake out campaign. This time FRDP through DRR forum Sindh chapter, advanced other agencies such as AKDN or Academia; and initiated weekly awareness raising campaign on Global Shakeout and also celebrated International day for DRR.

### Purpose of this campaign:

The tenacity behind this drill was to enhance preparedness and safety of the maximum masses from the academia and partners to bring the ability to respond to an earthquake. Initially AKDN delivered informative session to the DRR Forum Sindh chapter and FRDP Volunteers from academia on the International day of DRR and also distributed promotional material. All those 100 students including boys and girls dropped more rocks into the stagnant water in order to portray the new ripple effects of education on preparedness and response. This is what happened where students broaden their circle on this drive and started delivering sessions to other students whatever in the classes, parks, cafeterias, and university busses anywhere where they found masses. This was for the first time by any University in Sindh province where volunteers (Students) worked for emergency preparedness with such a great enthusiasm and conducted awareness raising sessions on DRR. FRDP Jacobabad team also

made tremendous efforts and achieved more masses. Target audiences were school children from Smart Kids Academy at UC Baqapur Tehsil and district Jacobabad. children really enjoyed the drill and performed with fun.

DRR forum Sindh chapter is now becoming the most significant part of networking in this region where agencies and partners from all walks of life have always come up with some innovative ideas to work together with full cooperation and support. Moreover FRDP is also evolving existing teams of volunteers and enhancing their skill to respond any natural calamity as a whole.

### Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project

#### Introduction:

Management & Development Center (MDC) -a service company- registered under section 32 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (XLVII of 1984) in Pakistan. MDC is a development support organization mandated to provide research, training and policy analysis services to the public and private sector organizations seeking expertise in different development fields. It provides consulting services with commitment, contributing to the socio-economic development at national and international level.

#### Milestones achieved during reporting period

A representative of MDC attended the seminar on the **Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project (SIAPEP) "Construction of Elevated Platform / Flood Shelters"** PIU-SIAPEP Office, Shahbaz Building, Hyderabad, Sindh.

By: MDC

MDC in a joint venture with **MetaMeta Holding** is providing services of monitoring and evaluation to the **"Sindh Agricultural Growth Project (SAGP)"**. The project is focusing on the growth and production of agriculture and milk in disaster / flood affected areas of Sindh province. A multi-disciplinary team of qualified professionals are designated to perform this assignment. According to the task, M&E Team is supposed to monitor SAGP in consultation with PCU/PMUs of the relevant departments. Our team has been focusing on the implementation and compliance of the Environmental and Social issues; Grievance Re-dressal Mechanism (GRM); also monitoring the **"Disaster Management"** related issues in order to guide our government for the improvement of suggested affected area in upcoming projects.

MDC jointly with MetaMeta Holding has also been looking **"Monitoring and Evaluation of Project Impact and Supervision of Environmental Management Plan for Water Sector improvement Project (WSIP), Phase -I, Additional Financing"**, with financial assistance of the World Bank. The aim is to improve the irrigation network of three Area Water Boards- Ghotki Feeder, Nara Canal and Left Bank Ca-



## FRDP Pakistan celebrated weekly campaign against Global Shakeout and International Day of DRR

FACILITY INFORMATION				SHAKEOUT PARTICIPATION		
Country	Region	District	Activity Title	Location	Agency Name	How many people participated in the information session/Mock Drill
Pakistan	SINDH	HYDERABAD & JAMSHORO	SHAKEOUT DRILL	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY	UNIVERSITY OF SINDH	100
				FRDP OFFICE	FRDP PAKISTAN	11
				SMART KIDS ACADEMY, DISTRICT JACOBABAD	FRDP PAKISTAN	954
				UNIVERSITY OF SINDH	UNIVERSITY OF SINDH	330
				UNIVERSITY OF SINDH	UNIVERSITY OF SINDH	200
TOTAL						1595

nals. The team of adroit members has been assigned with this task. They are monitoring WSIP-1 project in consultation with PCMU/ SIDA of the relevant departments. The team is focusing on the implementation and compliance of the Environmental and Social issues; Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM); other key performance indicators like: Efficiency, Reliability, Equity of Water Delivery, User Satisfaction, Sustainability, Drainage and Soil Salinity, and Agricultural Production. The team is also facilitating **"core sector"** with improved irrigation and drainage services (Number of female and male water users provided with new/improved irrigation and drainage services: (a) Number of female water users; (b) Number of male water users) in accordance with project results framework by providing reports before the WB Mission. Team is also additionally monitoring the **"Disaster Management"** related issues, since our state can better improve and compose that area accordingly in any of their upcoming projects.

## Quarterly Progress updates

By: SSEWA-PAK

In this quarter different events were organized which strengthened SSEWA-Pak's relationship with district Administration and DDMA. On 21st September, 2017 a joint consultation meeting was organized by SSEWA-Pak and district Administration at Darbar Hall Mirpur Khas, wherein INGO, NGOs, Civil Society, Civil Defense, Print Media, Health & education participated in this event. Moreover Ms. Coree from Tearfund, StP International Project Manager, Mr. Asim Jaleel Tearfund, StP Project Manager and Mr. Asif Shehrazai Action Aid, participated in this consultation workshop. The Deputy Commissioner Mr. Zahid Hussain Memon was the speaker guest of the event. SSEWA-Pak Program Manager shared the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan with the attendees and Deputy Commissioner endorsed the plan and appreciated SSEWA-Pak on highlighting and promoting the disaster preparedness plans. The DC further highlighted rain flooding a major threat for the district. In this regard the DC announced that SSEWA-Pak should be the strategic partner / consultation with SSEWA-Pak. He further said that SSEWA-Pak should be kept in close communication in district level meetings and the district administration will seek assistance from SSEWA-Pak wherever needed. The Deputy Commissioner also announced to regulate monthly coordination meetings with all INGOs / NGOs working in the district. The press clipping of this joint consultation workshop was published in 14 national & regional newspapers.

On the same day, a meeting was held with Ms. Coree, Mr. Asim and Mr. Asif Sherazi onto the progress on CSP. SSEWA-Pak presented and shared the key learning in particular to Leadership, Power and Influence, Preparedness and response, and Challenges.

On 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017 SSEWA-Pak participated in DRR Exhibition at Sindh University Jamshoro organized by CWS/Asia. SSEWA-Pak presented through their Stall all achievements and success models related to DRR and Emergency Response in different disasters, in afternoon all StP Sindh partners meeting conducted in FRDP office Hyderabad with Mr. Paul (Business development Manager-TearFund UK), Mr. Asim Jaleel and Mr. Akram Sheikh were also the part of meeting.

SSEWA-Pak (CEO) participated in DRR Forum Sindh Chapter Meeting at Hederabad in presence of Mr. Paul (Business development Manager-TearFund UK), Mr. Asim Jaleel and Mr. Akram Sheikh StP team Islamabad.

On 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017 the Shakeout drill has been organized at SSEWA-Pak facilitated by Agha



Khan Development Network for Habitat Karachi. Total 30 participants were the part of this drill exercise from fifteen organizations. The purpose of this exercise to celebrate the Shakeout day on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017 after this all participated organization representatives were responsible to arrange this Shakeout drill among their staff members. In this regard on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017 organized two Shakeout drills in first half with The School of Hope children and staff and second half for SSEWA-Pak staff members.

### "Success of Coordination with Local Administration Mirpur Khas"

Through StP project "A Joint Consultation Workshop on Emergency Response Preparedness Plan" organized on 21st September, 2017 at Darbar Hall Mirpur Khas with coordination of local administration, DDMA, Social Welfare, Civil Society members and other stakeholders in presence of Deputy commissioner Mirpur khas Mr. Zahid Hussain Memon.

Ms. Coree the International program Manager STP Action Aid UK, Mr. Asif Sherazi from Action Aid-Pakistan & Mr. Asim Jaleel Project Manager STP Tearfund Pakistan participated throughout the workshop.

Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of SSEWA PAK for joint initiatives for developing contingency planning for district Mirpur Khas and assured his availability for any kind of support. Beside this he also showed his interest to conduct the regular coordination meetings for all stakeholder in Darbar Hall Mirpur Khas. The Information department published this event news in 14 national and regional newspapers. (Press released is attached).

This workshop played a key role to enhance the SSEWA-Pak relationship and coordination with local administration and other stakeholders.

After this workshop conducted meetings with Deputy Commissioner to install Solar Lights alongside our office area and he has given the approval for that. Secondly the Deputy Commissioner called monthly regularly meeting with all local NGOs of Mirpur Khas for close coordination and inputs in District level development. The coordination meeting will be held

on 24th Oct, 2017. These are the good signs of a better relation and coordination of SSEWA-Pak and district administration. SSEWA-Pak also share updates achievements and ongoing activities regularly with DDMA, SWD and local administration Mirpur Khas.

## INTERNATIONAL DAYS CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2017

**12 August**

International Youth Day

**19 August**

World Humanitarian Day

**23 August**

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition

### SEPTEMBER 2017

**5 September**

International Day of Charity

**8 September**

International Literacy Day

**12 September**

United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation

**15 September**

International Day of Democracy

**21 September**

International Day of Peace

**27 September**

World Tourism Day

**28 September**

International Day for Universal Access to Information

### OCTOBER 2017

**1 October**

International Day of Older Persons

**2 October**

International Day of Non-Violence

**2 October (first Monday in October)**

World Habitat Day

**5 October**

World Teachers' Day

**9 October**

World Post Day

**10 October**

World Mental Health Day

**11 October**

International Day of the Girl Child

**13 October**

International Day for Disaster Reduction

**15 October**

International Day of Rural Women

**16 October**

World Food Day

**17 October**

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

## “ Role of DDMA in the DRR through climate change adaptation” (A Case Study)

The District Disaster Management Authorities were established aiming to strengthen the capacities of the communities enabling them to minimize vulnerabilities at their own ends. Like others, DDMA Jamshoro illustrates the ongoing developments in disaster risk management through which the government, business community and civil society together, takes joint ventures / measures to reduce the impacts of disasters on the fabric of society. Additional Deputy Commissioners of the district takes the leading role to strengthen this component in order to further establishing early warning systems, preparedness programs and adaptation of practical measures for coping up in future disaster.

Mr. Abdul Qadeer Ansari (Additional Deputy Commissioner 1) Jamshoro recently been transferred to district Jamshoro and since joining he has had genuinely played a vital role to strengthen the role of DDMA in terms of adapting practical approaches to vindicate the positive image from the government's part. FRDP program team approached Mr. Ansari to further give introductory briefing session on the Shifting the Power Project which was

highly admired by the recently appointed ADC1 and further ensured to extend his unconditional support against the project based approach.

Mr. Ansari has also been the part of Academia Pilot fund project supported by the Action Aid and tearfund collaborated with University of Sindh Jamshoro where he delivered sessions on Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Disaster Management Cycle & Institutional and Legal Frameworks for Disaster Management. During these sessions he admired FRDP's endeavors towards academia empowering the youth on emergency preparedness and response. Since project based activities were being reviewed and further initiated, due to his personal interest and efforts, FRDP has almost completed all the major tasks of the project however there is a bitter pill to swallow to learn of frequent transferred of the government officials as he has recently been transferred again and reporting to Karachi office. Although his untiring endeavors towards strengthening the role of DDMA is highly appreciable and will always be remembered. FRDP will continue to support DDMA and will be extending its full support to



the DDMA capacity building in soft components. Although governmental officials turn over and transfers is a bit challenge but this could not seriously affect project objective and outcome if consistency and continuity will be maintained with efforts from both ends.

### STRENGTH OF DRR FORUM

**DISASTER RESILIENCE FORUM**  
SINDH CHAPTER

**Covered Area**

**Not Covered Area**

Sr	District Name	No of Organization
1	Kashmor & Kandhot	1
2	Jacobabad	2
3	Sukkur	1
4	Larkana	2
5	Dadu	2
6	Khairpur Mirs	1
7	Jamshoro	3
8	Matiari	1
9	Hyderabad	8
10	Tando Allahyar	1
11	Mirpurkhas	7
12	Umarkot	4
13	Tharparkar	2
14	Badin	1
15	Thatta	2
16	Karachi	2

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