

### Project Success Story

'Tahafuz' is a Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) project that aims to build capacities of local communities in order to enable them to resist hazards, bounce back after disasters and acclimatize themselves as per circumstantial needs to ensure effective recovery. Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), this project benefits an estimated 110,879 households in four disaster high risk districts of Sindh, namely Badin, Thatta, Umarkot and Tharparker.

District: Umerkot  
Tehsil/Taluka: Umerkot  
Union Council: Kaplore  
Revenue Village: Kaplore

Participants: VDMC members

1. Allah Dino (President)
2. Abdul Karim Kumbhar (Manager)
3. Pancho (Member)
4. Kessar (Member)
5. Kinko (Member)
6. Ityyan (Member)

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To explore about community's problems and their coping capacities in resisting natural hazards that are prone to their area, a general discussion was held with the members of Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC). The main focus of the discussion was to learn about their local environment and the techniques they use to counter hazards. Mr. Allah Dino, President and Mr. Abdul Karim, Manager of the VDMC had a very good understanding of the local area and both of them exquisitely responded towards many of the questions posed to them.

During the interaction it was observed that VDMC members were very concerned and keen in solving problems. They said we are seriously looking forward to benefit from this project as the project will make us work in a more organized manner, teach new techniques and provide us a mechanism to fight against hazard. Adding further, President of the VDMC said although members of the VDMC live in different settlements that are distantly located but despite such complications we are considering every possible solution (renting private car) to work this out. They said we already have dedicated a room for our community meetings where we plan and discuss matters.

The success factor to note about this community was that despite the limited resources and poor economic conditions of these local communities they were very supportive and active to take part in project activities in order to enhance their capacities. As realized these members were considering every possible solutions to hold regular meetings in order to be able to do planning and remain well connected with nearby villagers. Where to accomplish this, they were even willing to rent a private car at their own expense for commuting purposes.