



Monthly Progress Report

IDENTIFICATION:

Name of Project	Tahafuz: <i>“Building Resilience through Community Based Disaster Risk Management in the Sindh Province of Pakistan”</i>
Name of the Organization	Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN)
Project Start Date	28-09-2012
Expected Completion Date	27-09-2013
Reporting Period:	01-08-2013 to 31-08-2013
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MONTHLY PROGRESS:

No.	Activity	Unit of Measure	Units			
			Targets		Achievements	
			Current Month	Cumulative	Current Month	Cumulative
1.	Meetings of VDMCs & UDMCs at UC Level	No. of Meetings	15	120	9	115
2.	Mitigation & Management of CCIs	No. of Schemes completed	-	232	55	201
3.	Provisional Experience Sharing Workshop	No. of Workshops	-	1	1	1
4.	External Evaluation	No. of Visits	1	1	1	1
5.	Project Video Clips	No. of Visits	1	1	1	1

List of all the completed activities:

1. District Project Launching workshops (1/district) & Report
2. Preparation of CBDRM Manual
3. CBDRM Training of Trainers (ToT)& Report
4. Advocacy & Networking Workshop & Report (Round -1 April, 2013)
5. Advocacy & Networking Workshop & Report (Round -2 June, 2013)
6. Recruitment & Placement of Staff i.e. RSPN & partner RSPs (NRSP & TRDP)
7. Identification of 232 Vulnerable Villages
8. Formation of 232 Village Disaster Management Committees (VDMCs)
9. Training of 1160 VDMCs’ members on Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) & Disaster Risk Management & Planning (DRMP)
10. Development of 232 Disaster Risk Management Plans (DRMPs)
11. Formation of 20 Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMCs)
12. Training of 200 UDMCs’ members on Organizational Management & Development and 100 members on Advocacy & Networking
13. Identification and initiation of work on 232 Community Critical Infrastructures schemes

14. Procurement and distribution of 20 Emergency Tool kits

Results Achieved

Results	No	Indicator	Achievements (#)		
			Current Month	Cumulative	
Result 1: Local Community Institutions formed and mechanisms developed to withstand future disasters	1.1	No. of VDMCs/UDMCs formed	VDMCs	NA	232
			UDMCs	NA	20
	1.2	a) No. of Male/Female representation in VDMCs	Men	NA	1,341
			Women	NA	1,331
		b) No. of Male/Female representation in UDMCs	Men	NA	232
			Women	NA	232
Result 2: Capacity of local community developed to formulate hazard risk reduction plans, policies or curriculum	2.1	No. of men and women trained in disaster preparedness, management and mitigation	Men	NA	600
			Women	NA	570
	2.2	No. of Disaster Risk Management Plans (DRMPs) developed	NA	232	
Result 3: Small scale preparedness and mitigation measures undertaken	3.1	No. of CCIs identified	NA	232	
	3.2	No. of CCIs completed	NA	146	

Narration

Community Critical Infrastructure (CCIs)

Construction of CCIs remains in progress and by the 31st of August 201 schemes had been completed while 31 are in the final stages of completion. The delay in the completion of the 31 CCIs was due to delays in the release of funds which affected field work.

In the desert areas where communities face an acute water shortage, some of the VDMCs have constructed more than one water reservoir without disturbing the budget lines

Meetings held between VDMCs/UDMCs at Union Council Level

Regular meetings were held at UDMC/VDMC level to discuss the current situation and progress, as well as activities and roles and responsibilities of these community based institutions. These meetings provide an effective platform to discuss potential issues and possible solutions. The main points brought up and discussed during these meetings were as follows:

- UDMCs are engaged in networking at the Taluka and District levels to effectively coordinate with Government, line agencies and other stakeholders to handle unforeseen disasters.
- Planning various scenarios for potential disasters and share their detail (*Cell numbers, Village/settlement names and other relevant information*) with DDMA focal person in the district government.
- VDMC to ensure inclusion of representatives of the most vulnerable groups in VDMC.
- UDMC's plans to disseminate emergency information to VDMCs and issue early warnings and possible rescue point information.
- UDMC will facilitate the community during any emergency.
- VDMC to ensure the Critical Community Infrastructures (CCIs) is properly executed at the VDMC level.
- UDMC to conduct regular meetings with VDMCs and update their records on given registers.
- UDMC is also taking care of the emergency tool kit

External Evaluation:

After properly scrutinizing proposals, a consultancy contract was awarded to the highest ranking bidder. The External Evaluation team visited the project districts to collect first-hand information and data regarding the project. The team visited different communities, CCIs, government officials and conducted detailed survey. Several Key informants were also interviewed by the evaluation team in all 4 districts.

Provincial Experience Sharing Workshop:

Rural Support Program Network (RSPN) organized a one day Provincial Experience Sharing workshop under the Tahafuz CBDRM Project on August 23rd, 2013 at Hotel Mehran in Karachi. Participants from TRDP, NRSP, government officials, representatives of other NGOs and VDMC-UDMC members attended the workshop. RSPN CEO also participated in the workshop. Members from partner RSPs gave presentations on the project activities and shared their experiences in the field. Government officials and members from other N.G.Os also addressed the participants of the workshop. A detailed report of the event has already been submitted.

Branding & Marking (Project Video Clips):

To highlight the particular achievements and activities of the project two short video clips were produced by RSPN. For this purpose RSPN hired a team of professional photographers and videographers. The team visited 2 districts of the project Tharparkar and Thatta to capture on site activities. The team of videographers recorded clips on trainings, linkages and CCI. The raw clippings of the clips have been shared with RSPN and the final videos will be handed over after completion of post-production.

Pictures Gallery



Evaluation Team holding meeting with NRSP staff



The evaluation team in UDMC meeting for collecting information



Shooting of Video Clips in Deh Bablo, Thatta



Capturing construction of CCI in district Thatta



Construction of rescue point in progress



Rescue point in VDMC Chelari built under Tahafuz Project