



## Monthly Progress Report

### IDENTIFICATION:

<b>Name of Project</b>	Tahafuz: "Building Resilience through Community Based Disaster Risk Management in the Sindh Province of Pakistan"
<b>Name of the Organization</b>	Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN)
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### MONTHLY PROGRESS:

No.	Activity	Unit of Measure	Units				
			Targets		Achievements		
			Current Month	Cumulative	Current Month	Cumulative	
1.	Formation of <b>VDMCs</b>	a. VDMCs	No. of VDMCs	72	232	71	230
		b. Men (members)	No. of Men	360	1,160	378	1,248
		c. Women (members)	No. of Women	360	1,160	378	1,242
2.	Formation of <b>UDMCs</b> (2 members are selected/revenue village, the total number of members depend on the no. of revenue villages in each UC)	a. UDMCs	No. of UDMCs	05	20	11	11
		b. Men (members)	No. of Men	1_	232	101	101
		c. Women (members)	No. of Women	-	232	101	101
3.	Training of <b>UDMCs (10 pax/UC)</b>	No. of participants	50	200	0	0	
4.	Training of <b>VDMCs</b>	a. PDRA	No. of Participants	410	1,160	265	694
		b. DRM & Planning	No. of Participants	410	1,160	265	694
		c. Men (participants)	No. of Men	205	1,160	136	361
		d. Women (participants)	No. of Women	205	1,160	129	333
5.	Preparation of Disaster Risk Management Plans ( <b>DRMPs</b> )	No. of DRMPs	82	232	68	125	
6.	Mitigation & Management of CClIs ( <b>Identification</b> )	No. of CClIs	56	232	58	78	
7.	Emergency Tool Kits	No. of Kits	20	20	0	0	

<sup>1</sup> Since no sequential order is followed in selection of the union councils for the formation of UDMCs which is why the targets of men and women cannot be predefined as the targets depends on the number of revenue villages that exists in a UC also varies in number.

## Results Achieved

Results	No.	Indicator	Achievements (#)		
			Monthly	Cumulative	
<b>Result 1:</b> Local Community Institutions formed and mechanisms developed to withstand future disasters	1.1	No. of <b>VDMCs/UDMCs</b> formed	VDMCs	71	230
			UDMCs	05	11
	1.2	a) No. of Male/Female representation in <b>VDMCs</b>	Men	360	1,248
			Women	360	1,242
		b) No. of Male/Female representation in <b>UDMCs</b>	Men	-	101
			Women	-	101
<b>Result 2:</b> Capacity of local community developed to formulate hazard risk reduction plans, policies or curriculum	2.1	No. of men and women <b>trained</b> in disaster preparedness, management and mitigation	Men	178	225
			Women	184	204
	2.2	No. of Disaster Risk Management Plans ( <b>DRMPs</b> ) developed	68	125	
<b>Result 3:</b> Small scale preparedness and mitigation measures undertaken	3.1	No. of CCI <b>identified</b>	58	78	
	3.2	No. of CCI <b>initiated</b>	0	01	
	3.3	No. of CCI <b>completed</b>	NA	NA	

### Narration

#### ***CBDRM Manual:***

The English version of the CBDRM manual was completed last month. The manual was translated into Sindhi language during this reporting month, so the target communities can easily understand its content. The Sindhi version is currently being proofread, and is expected to be completed in second week of March. The process of printing its 500 copies will begin thereafter. Moreover, copies of the English version of the manual were also obtained during the month for sharing with partners and other stakeholders who might be interested to learn about Community Based Disaster Risk Management. In this regard a total of 5 colored and 50 black & white copies as well as 20 soft copies/CDs were developed and shared with USAID and partner RSPs.

#### ***Formation of VDMCs:***

The process of VDMC formation which continued during the reporting month has almost been completed as per the revised work plan shared with USAID. Both the RSPs (NRSP & TRDP) have made significant achievements in meeting

the VDMC formation targets, forming 230 out of the total 232 VDMCs despite difficulty in reaching widely scattered target communities. The remaining 02 VDMCs are expected to be formed during the first week of next month.

***Capacity Building of VDMCs:***

To enhance capacities of the VDMCs and prepare them to deal with hazardous and disastrous situations, the process of capacity building for the VDMCs continued during the reporting month. As per the collective target of this month both the RSPs were expected to train 410 VDMC members on Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) and similarly on Disaster Risk Management and Planning. Compared to the performance of last month where RSPs trained people in excess of the planned targets, during the reporting month they lagged behind in meeting targets and managed to train only 265 members of VDMCs. The main reason for failing to meet target was additional activities such as identification of CCIs and formation of UDMCs that posed a great challenge to both the RSPs in meeting targets. Nevertheless, the partners are fully motivated and are working hard to overcome the gap next month.

For easy understanding, the material used to train people was developed in local Sindhi language and also various Panaflex materials were displayed for pictorial demonstration of first-aid and search and rescue operations by both the RSPs. The training sessions mainly focused on how to develop village profiles, problem trees, seasonal calendars, Venn diagrams, semi structured interviews, focus group discussions, transect walks, participatory DRM planning and DRM plans. The training followed an interactive and participatory approach. The participants were given group assignments and were asked to present their work in groups to build their capacity to perform as master trainers.

***Preparation of Disaster Risk Management Plans:***

Disaster Risk Management Plans continued to be developed during the reporting month. As reported earlier the DRMPs are developed as a result of the sessions held on participatory Disaster Risk Assessment. These sessions mainly focus on enhancing capacities of the VDMC members on how to conduct assessments and identify and prioritize risks that communities are exposed to by assessing their coping capacities. Resulting from the activity 68 DRMPs were developed during the month out of the expected 82. Though the RSPs fell short of the target this month, it is expected that the gap will be covered during the next month.

***Community Critical Infrastructure:***

To counter various potential hazards, one community critical infrastructure (CCI) per revenue village was to be developed with community consensus. A total of 58 CCIs were identified out of the planned 56. Furthermore, in order to endorse these schemes, signed resolutions were obtained from all the VDMCs as well as final approval from the CBDRM Engineers. After these approvals NRSP managed to initiate 01 Community Critical Infrastructure (CCI), although it was not a set target for the reporting month.

***Formation of UDMCs:***

After the formation and training of the VDMCs on PDRA, DRM & planning, the process of forming Union Disaster Management Committees was initiated. According to the collective target, both the RSPs are expected to form 20 UDMCs in the four target districts. However, before forming UDMCs it is mandatory to form VDMCs in all the revenue

villages in the Union council. Once the VDMCs are formed, relevant members of the VDMCs are contacted through phone or in person and are asked to nominate two persons from their VDMC, keeping in mind gender balance. Each VDMC endorses the nomination through a signed resolution which is provided to the RSP's personnel. After the nomination process is completed from all VDMCs, these nominated people gather at one convenient point to form the UDMC. At this stage all the nominated members become members of the UDMC and are required to sign a resolution to endorse the selection process of UDMC. As per the above process, during the reporting month both RSPs established 11 UDMCs out of the proposed 05. The collective performance of both the RSPs made RSPN achieve its target in excess of the planned targets.

During the month the training of UDMCs was postponed as the field staff remained occupied with the formation of UDMC. The proposed UDMC training for organizational management will begin from next month.

***Monitoring:***

To see the progress of capacity building as well as to provide support/assistance to field teams, the RSPN PMU-based Project Manager, CBDRM Capacity Building Specialist and the Monitoring Officer visited the targeted areas. During their visit they all interacted with VDMC members to assess their level of knowledge and understanding of the project. They also evaluated the quality of the training and the material being used in conducting training. During the visit files and documentation from both RSPs was assessed and improvements were suggested where discrepancies were found. Some sites were randomly selected for monitoring purposes. It was observed that both the RSPs have approached communities for various project activities and that the RSPs have established very good relationships with them. It was observed that communities from all the target areas highly appreciated the CBDRM initiative. They were very excited to gain knowledge and skills on how to protect themselves against potential hazards as well as dealing with disaster situations. The Monitoring Officers of both RSPs also visited the project areas and evaluated the progress of various field activities.

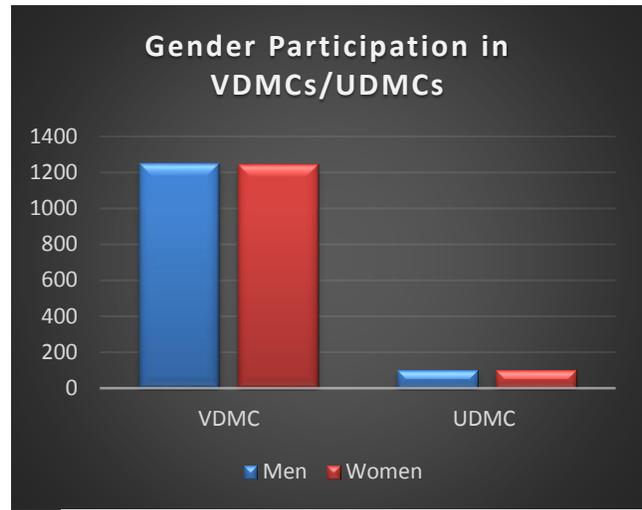
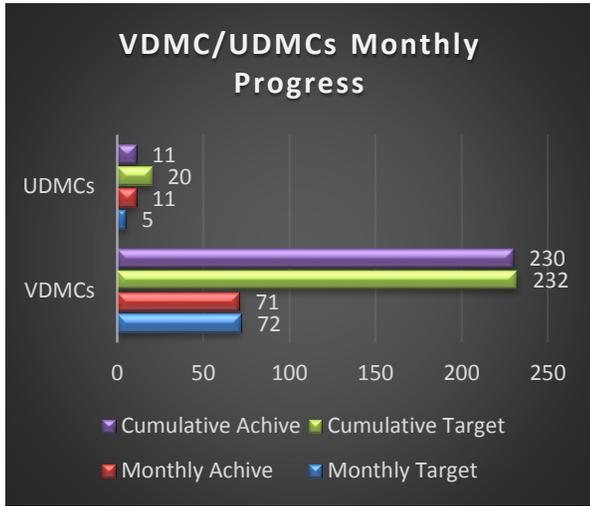
A meeting was held with Mr. Khuda Baksh Mirani, District Officer Social Welfare (district Thatta) also being appointed as DRR Focal Person. During the meeting details on progress of the project were shared with him. The focal person appreciated the efforts of RSPN and partner RSPs in target districts. Mr. Mirani added that such programs are the dire need of time as every year millions of people suffer from disasters all around country and specifically in Sindh. He said currently NGOs are playing a vital role in empowering community through education and capacity enhancement. In recognition of Tahafuz project achievements and monitor's request Mr. Mirani showed his willingness to provide a letter of appreciation to NRSP, the partner RSP operating in district Thatta.

***Tool kit:***

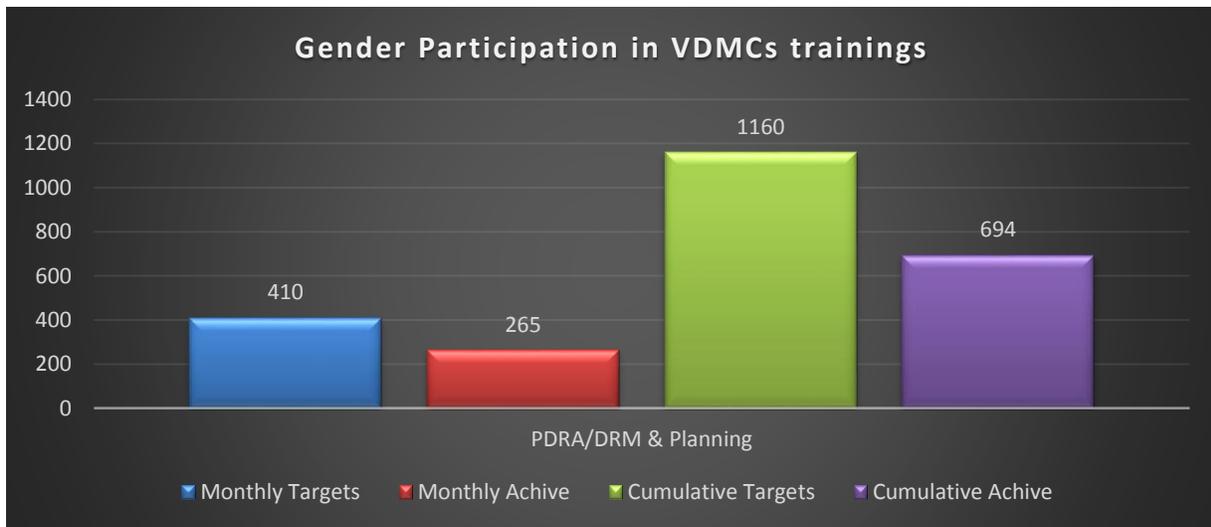
During the month, the list of the items to be included in emergency tool kit were finalized. However the procurement and distribution of 20 kits was delayed because of the time taken to finalize the list. The activity will not delay any other activity however; as these emergency kits are to be provided to UDMCs whose formation process will last for couple of months. During the month the RSPN based CBDRM Capacity Building Specialist obtained various samples of all the items from the market for quality assurance and standardization prior to the bidding process initiated by the RSPs. The

bidding process is expected to start and be completed during the next month.

**Graphical illustration of major activities February**



Gender participation in VDMCs/UDMCs



VDMC Trainings Progress and Gender Participation

## Picture Gallery



Participants performing group work



VDMCs members performing various tasks



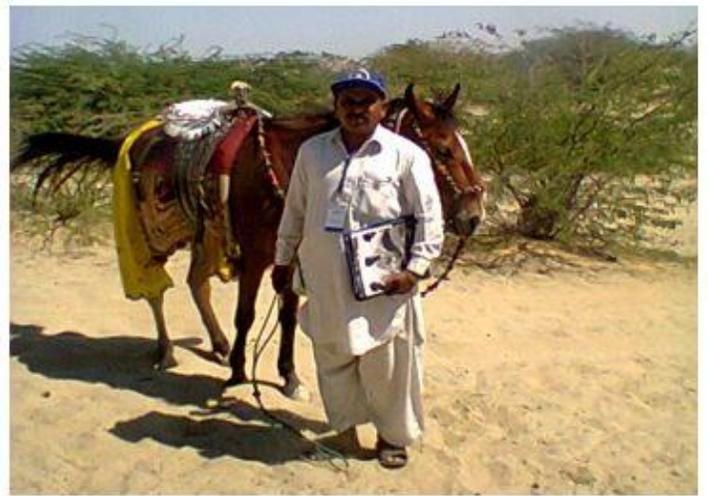
Women performing bucket brigade drill



Women participants performing first aid



Field staff visiting communities



Project Target Area



Training Session in progress in district Umerkot



Project Manager and CBDRM Specialist interacting with community



Monitoring officer on visit to target areas



**Monitor interviewing VDMC member**



**Meeting with Mr. Khuda Baksh Mirani, District Officer Social Welfare and Focal Person DRR district Thatta**



Record maintenance



Projection in local news paper