



Monthly Progress Report

IDENTIFICATION:

Name of Project	Tahafuz: "Building Resilience through Community Based Disaster Risk Management in the Sindh Province of Pakistan"
Name of the Organization	Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN)
Project Start Date	28-09-2012
Expected Completion Date	28-12-2013
Reporting Period:	01-09-2013 to 30-09-2013
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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	0	160	15	130
2.	Mitigation & Management of CCI's	a) Identification	34	296	61	293
		b) Completed	-	296	26	227
3.	National Experience Sharing Workshop	No. of Workshops	-	1	1	1
4.	External Evaluation Report	No. of Reports	1	1	1	1
5.	Project Video Clips	Lump sum	-	2	-	2

¹ As per original work plan no meetings were set for the month of Sep 2013. However, after three months no cost extension, additional 40 meetings have been added during the extended period. Each partner is supposed to hold 10 meetings of V-UDMC each during the months of October and November 2013. In the table above, the achievement despite zero targets refer to the achievement of 5 meetings that were left over during the month of August as well as the advance achievement of 10 out of 20 meetings that were targeted for the month of October.

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. Provincial and National workshop
7. Recruitment & Placement of Staff i.e. RSPN & partner RSPs (NRSP & TRDP)
8. Identification of 232 Vulnerable Villages
9. Formation of 232 Village Disaster Management Committees (VDMCs)
10. Training of 1160 VDMCs' members on Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) & Disaster Risk Management & Planning (DRMP)
11. Development of 232 Disaster Risk Management Plans (DRMPs)
12. Formation of 20 Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMCs)
13. Training of 200 UDMCs' members on Organizational Management & Development and 100 members on Advocacy & Networking
14. Identification and initiation of work on 232 Community Critical Infrastructures schemes
15. Procurement and distribution of 20 Emergency Tool kits

Results Achieved

*As a result of No Cost Extension for three months. 64 CCIs are added to initially plan 232 CCIs.

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	293	
	3.2	No. of CCIs completed	NA	227	

Narration

Modification Allowing three months extension

Based on saving in award money, mostly due to currency exchange rate, RSPN requested USAID OFDA for a No Cost Extension in the project period. This was approved by donor and a modification to original agreement was allowed. As a result of this modification, project period was extended till 28 December 2013. During this extended period, 64 additional CCIs will be initiated and completed besides additional 40 meetings of UDMC and VDMC. Revised plans have been shared with partners.

Community Critical Infrastructure (CCIs)

Construction of CCIs continued during reporting period and a total of 227 schemes from original plan were completed.

The remaining 5 are in their final stage and will be completed within next couple of days. This delay was caused due to non compliance of certain required items from communities.

During No Cost Extension period 64 additional CCIs have been included in plan. During the reporting month communities identified 61 new CCIs. Both the RSPs technical staff (involving CBDRM engineers) have completed feasibility studies (technical, social & financial) of some of the schemes in order to assess that the proposition made by the communities are in accordance with project needs and the budget. The feasibility is also conducted to ensure that whether or not the scheme would be beneficial to the community given local conditions.

Meetings held between VDMCs/UDMCs at Union Council Level

The meetings between VDMCs and UDMCs members provide a platform to discuss current situation, share any issues in relevance with DRR and create linkages with other stakeholders. As per the original work plan no meetings were set for the month of Sep 2013. However, resulting from three months no cost extension period, additional 40 meetings have been added to the extended period. Each partner is supposed to hold 10 meetings of V-UDMC during the month of Oct and similarly 10 meetings during the month of Nov 2013. During the reporting month, a total of 15 meetings were held; out of which 05 meetings are the leftovers of previous month and other 10 refer to the advance achievement which weren't actually the target for the reporting month but for the month of October.

External Evaluation:

The consultants have shared their final report on end of project evaluation. This is a balanced report highlighting achievements of the project and also describing areas where more could have been done. The consultants presented salient points of their report in the National Experience Sharing Workshop. The report has been already shared with all stakeholders including USAID and Partners.

National Experience Sharing Workshop:

A half day experience sharing workshop was organized in Islamabad. This event was aimed at sharing project achievements and field experiences among different stakeholders. This was participated by quite good number of representatives from various organizations including communities, USAID OFDA, NDMA, redRUK, Concern Worldwide, Focus, PPAF, NRSP, BRSP, TRDP, RSPN, Oxfam GB and NDMP. From USAID Ms. Patrice Lopez, Ms. Afshan Faisal, Dr. Joseph Tritschler and Mr. Ali Gohar participated in this event. The legend personality in rural development Mr. Shoab Sultan Khan also attended the workshop and talked to the participants. Report of this event has been shared with all.

Branding & Marking (Project Video Clips):

As mentioned in previous month's report a contract was awarded to a party for making video/photographs of Tahafuz

project. The team has presented the final video clips and photographs. The video clips were played at the National Workshop and were appreciated by the participants. These clips will be shared with USAID in coming week.

Success story:

Village Baheed Khan Khaskheli is situated 50 km south from Umerkot town and it comes under the Revenue Village Nabisar Thar from the Union Council Faqir Abdullah. This village is comprised of 400 households. Jogi, Khaskheli, Bheel, Bughya and Kolhi communities are residing in this village for many years. Most of the community people belong to poor families. The villagers are mainly dependent on land farming and labor work. When it rains in monsoon season, they cultivate their lands, grow crops and earn some money.

The lacking water facility is one of the major problem of the area as the village Baheed Khan KhasKheli comes under a desert terrain. Men, women and children fetch water from dug wells which are built about 3 to 5 kilometers away from their homes. In marriages and other social events, communities rely on getting water through an on-call paid tanker facility, which is usually affordable for only small number of people and majority cannot benefit from this facility.

Due to poverty, most of the community members live in kacha houses like "Chonra" and "Landhi". In 2011, numbers of houses were damaged due to heavy rains but no support was provided by the government. A primary school is built in this village but due to the unavailability of teachers, children do not get basic education. Health care centers rarely exist in local vicinities and because of their scarcity, distant locations and poor transport system, majority of the people do not make it to these centers during emergency situations. Also, since most of the existing centers are dysfunctional due to lack of resources such as staff, medicines, & equipment; people are usually compelled to transport their patients to other cities.

When TRDP's team visited this village for introductory meeting of the Tahafuz project, the villagers were much pleased. The community agreed to provide their support and become part of the capacity building program. Later, a village disaster management committee was formed whose selected members were provided training on Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment and Disaster Risk Management & Planning. To cater the DRR needs of this revenue village the VDMC members in consensus with their community members proposed the construction of a dug well scheme. The community proposed this scheme considering the hardships they used to face especially women in fetching water from distant locations.

The scheme was constructed under the supervision of VDMC with PKR 200,000. The target community remained very fortunate as the scheme benefited them with sweet water produce in contrary to the water quality and taste of other

dug wells. The scheme also resulted in reducing their suffering of fetching water from distant places. Women can now fetch water easily, which has helped them in sparing their men who can now go to work that earlier remained occupied in arranging water for their households.

Villagers of Baheed Khan Khaskheli thanked TRDP, RSPN and USAID for supporting them in this very beneficial scheme. They also appreciated other project activities and hoped that this project will improve the capabilities of local people to cope with disasters.



Women getting facilitated with a dug-well constructed in settlement Baheed Khan Khaskheli of Revenue Village Nabisar Thar of district Umerkot

Pictures Gallery



Construction of a rescue point in progress



Rescue place completed at VDMC Kaith, Umerkot



UDMC linkages with LSOs meetings at Umerkot



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