# Monthly Progress Report

**IDENTIFICATION:**

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<th>Name of Project</th>
<th>Tahafuz: “Building Resilience through Community Based Disaster Risk Management in the Sindh Province of Pakistan”</th>
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<td>Name of the Organization</td>
<td>Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN)</td>
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<td>Project Start Date</td>
<td>28-09-2012</td>
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<td>Expected Completion Date</td>
<td>27-09-2013</td>
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<td>Reporting Period:</td>
<td>01-05-2013 to 31-05-2013</td>
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## MONTHLY PROGRESS:

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<th>No.</th>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Unit of Measure</th>
<th>Targets</th>
<th>Achievements</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Advocacy &amp; Networking Workshop</td>
<td>No. of Workshops</td>
<td>NA 08</td>
<td>04 08</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Meetings of VDMCs &amp; UDMCs at UC Level</td>
<td>No. of Meetings</td>
<td>20 120</td>
<td>24 90</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Mitigation &amp; Management of CCIs</td>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>61 232</td>
<td>26 69</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Emergency Tool kits Distribution</td>
<td>No. of Kits</td>
<td>NA 20</td>
<td>05 10</td>
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**List of planned activities where work has been completed:**

1. District Project Launching Workshops (1/district) & its Report
2. Preparation of CBDRM Manual
3. CBDRM Training of Trainers (ToT) & its Report
4. Advocacy & Networking Workshop & its Report (Round -1 April, 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) (Actual achieved 1170)
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 of 232 Community Critical Infrastructures
14. Procurement of Emergency Tool kits
## Results Achieved

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<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Achievements (#)</th>
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<td>Current Month</td>
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<td><strong>Result 1: Local Community Institutions formed and mechanisms developed</strong></td>
<td>1.1</td>
<td>No. of VDMCs/UDMCs formed</td>
<td>VDMCs</td>
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<td>UDMCs</td>
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<td>1.2</td>
<td>a) No. of Male/Female representation in VDMCs</td>
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<td>Women</td>
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<td>b) No. of Male/Female representation in UDMCs</td>
<td>Men</td>
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<td>Women</td>
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<td><strong>Result 2: Capacity of local community developed to formulate hazard risk reduction plans, policies or curriculum</strong></td>
<td>2.1</td>
<td>No. of men and women trained in disaster preparedness, management and mitigation</td>
<td>Men</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Women</td>
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<td>2.2</td>
<td>No. of Disaster Risk Management Plans (DRMPs) developed</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td><strong>Result 3: Small scale preparedness and mitigation measures undertaken</strong></td>
<td>3.1</td>
<td>No. of CCIs identified</td>
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<td></td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>No. of CCIs completed</td>
<td>26</td>
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**Narration**

**Advocacy & Networking Workshop (Round - 2)**

During recent past the country has suffered from massive destruction in subsequent years. The lack of coordination, poor disaster management planning and the absence of any systematic approach has repeatedly resulted in addition of more miseries to the lives of resource poor communities. Eventually, the loss of lives and damages caused to infrastructure triggered a need for more concentrated and improved coordinated efforts in order to be able to deal with natural calamities in a more effective manner.

In view of the above, during the month a second round of Advocacy & Networking workshop was organized in each project district; involving government officials e.g. DCOs, ACs, District Social Welfare Officers, representatives of DDMA, media, NGOs, VDMCs, UDMCs and the representatives of LSOs. The workshop events acted as a catalyst for initiating the process of networking, invoke early warning systems as well as set directions for addressing future disastrous events.

The workshop events were kept interactive and participatory. During each workshop the Project Manager and the CBDRM Specialist held brief sessions on explaining the concepts of various terms such as advocacy, networking, communication, target audiences, etc. Later, the participants were divided into groups and were asked to perform group work based on a situation in which they had to establish a procedure for early warning system, rescue and evacuation etc. etc.. Each group presented their group work and shared their experience with the audience.

Different government officials as well as other notables in their address speeches appreciated the efforts of USAID-RSPN Tahafuz project for enhancing capacities of the most vulnerable and deprived communities.

A consolidated detailed report of the events has already been shared.

**Community Critical Infrastructure (CCIs)**

The activity of CCIs construction remained in progress during the reporting month. All the CCIs were identified previous month well ahead of the planned targets. During the month, with the completion of the remaining proposals of 39 CCI schemes all 232 proposals have been developed. At present, the physical work is in progress on 212 CCIs whereas a total of 69 schemes have been fully completed. However, the achievements regarding completion of CCIs construction work has been behind the planned targets i.e. 26/61.

**Meetings held between VDMCs/UDMCs at Union Council Level**
During the month 24 meetings were held between VDMC and UDMC members. Following are the main points discussed during these meetings:

a) Initiating the process of developing contingency plan

b) Engagement of UDMCs with government and other line agencies for increased coordination and networking at taluka and district level

c) UDMCs to include representatives of the most vulnerable groups in VDMCs

d) Holding regular meeting between VDMCs and UDMCs and update Karwai Registers

e) Devise mechanism for safe storage and maintenance of the emergency tool kits

f) Initiation of CCI Schemes and completion before monsoon season.

g) Formation of Emergency Response Teams

h) Storage and use of emergency toolkit

i) Village level training session to share DRR knowledge with other community members

j) Implementation of Disaster Risk Management Plan

**Distribution of Emergency Tool Kits**

During the month only 10 emergency tool kits were distributed among the UDMCs from district Badin and Thatta. However, as reported; the supply of tool kits for the remaining two districts was started a bit late which caused delay in distribution of kits to UDMCs. During the month the remaining 10 emergency kits were supplied by the vendors which will be distributed to UDMCs from district Tharparkar and Umerkot during next month.

**Coordination with Government Department**

Both the RSPs representatives in their respective areas attended the coordination meetings organized by District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA). During these meetings detailed discussions were held regarding the contingency plans, resource sharing and resource mapping of vulnerable areas, capacities of NGOs, fire incidents, and warehouse arrangement for emergency situation including arrangements of temporary shelters, Food and NFIs for the affected families. Also, the RSPs representatives projected the scope of the Tahafuz project as well as highlighted the project achievements during the meetings.

The Project Manager gave a briefing on project activities to the Chairman National Disaster Management Authority in Islamabad. Later he gave a presentation to senior officials of Provincial Disaster Management Authority in Karachi. The officials at both levels appreciated role of the project and extended possible support and coordination.

**Monitoring:**
During the reporting month the monitors from PMU visited the project districts to monitor progress of the construction work of various CCI schemes. In this regard a total of 22 CCI schemes were visited from all four target districts based on random selection. The community members were interviewed and the project documents which included village profiles, training reports and CCI documents were also examined. A detailed monitoring report will be shared separately. However the key observations made during the visits are listed below:

1. The VDMC members had full responsibility of the construction work of CCIs in their respective revenue villages as per the proposal
2. The skilled and unskilled labours were locally engaged for the construction of CCIs
3. The VDMCs were involved in procurement of the construction material. They were also maintaining all the receipts and financial records
4. The main issue causing delay and slowing the construction work was identified as the RSPs internally handled lengthy procedures, which involved a long chain of approvals from the senior staff prior to be able to utilize funds and make payments. But this was crucial to ensure transparency.

**USAID-OFDA Project Management Specialist visit to Project area:**

During the reporting month the USAID - OFDA Project Management Specialist paid a visit to project area. He visited district Badin and Tharparkar. He visited different VDMCs and UDMCs where he held conversation with different members to learn about their experience as well as to oversee progress of various project activities. During the conversation the members appreciated the efforts of USAID, RSPN and the RSPs for launching this project which helped in enhancing capacities of the community members in terms of disaster preparedness, early warning systems as well as the advocacy and networking. Views were shared and suggestions were given by the VDMC members during the discussion.
Mr. Nadeem Ur Rehman Memon - Deputy Commissioner District Umerkot, addressing the Advocacy & Networking workshop held in district Umerkot, June 2013. He also distributed the Emergency Tool Kits among the UDMC members that have been supplied by RSPN under the USAID Tahafuz Project.

Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Koreja - Assistant Commissioner Ghorabari, addressing the Advocacy & Networking workshop held in district Thatta, June 2013.
Mr. Abdul Qadir Chandio - District Social Welfare Officer District Badin, addressing the Advocacy & Networking workshop held in district Badin, June 2013

Advocacy & Networking workshop held in district Tharparkar (Mithi), June 2013
The construction work of a CCI scheme named Rescue Point is in progress under the supervision of VDMC by involving locally available Masons & Labors at VDMC Chakani of Union Council Khejran, district Umerkot - June 2013

A community critical infrastructure named as Dug-well repair is in progress under the supervision of VDMC by involving locally available Masons & Labors at VDMC Lyari of Union Council Bothari, district Tharparkar - June 2013
A dug-well scheme repair has been completed under the supervision of VDMC by involving locally available Masons & Labors at VDMC Somrassar of Union Council Jhumriyao, district Tharparkar - June 2013.

Rehabilitation of a dug-well is under construction under the supervision of VDMC by involving locally available Masons & Labors at VDMC Tando Niazi of Union Council Balhari, district Tharparkar - June 2013.
Coordination meeting with DDMA Tharparkar, June 2013

USAID - OFDA Project Management Specialist Mr. Ali Gohar Khan in conversation with community members during his field visit, June 2013

The Project Manager Mr. Akbar Raza along with the USAID - OFDA Project Management Specialist Mr. Ali Gohar Khan in conversation with community members at another location, June 2013
Emergency Tool kits delivered to TRDP during the month, June 2013

A quality concern raised against the board displayed near a completed CCI in district Tharparkar, June 2013

The attendance record maintained by the VDMC other than the approved Master Roll, June 2013
Advocacy & Networking workshops highlighted in the local newspaper, June 2013