

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

1. Sindh Rural Support Organization implementing the project in District Kasmore and Jacobabad
2. National Rural Support Programme implementing the project in District Sajawal and Thatta
3. Thardeep Rural Development Programme implementing the project in District Tharpakar

## RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES NETWORK (RSPN)

The Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) is the largest development network of Pakistan, with an outreach to over 38 million rural Pakistanis. It consists of 11 member Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) that espouse a common approach to rural development: social mobilisation. Social mobilisation centres around the belief that poor people have an innate potential to help themselves, that they can better manage their limited resources if they organise and are provided technical and financial support. The RSPs provide social guidance, and technical and financial assistance to the rural poor. RSPN is the strategic platform for the RSPs: it provides capacity building, research, knowledge management support to them, and assists them in policy advocacy and donor linkages.



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# HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING PROJECT

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## OVERVIEW

USAID, in 2012 in the province of Sindh initiated a five year Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Programme in Pakistan with the focus to reduce maternal and child mortality. It has five component including 1) service delivery component a: Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP) being managed by Jhpiego led consortium, 2) service delivery component b) Reproductive Health/Family Planning Service (FPRH) being managed by MSS, 3) Health Communication Component being managed by Center for Communication Program –John Hopkins University led consortium, 4) Deliver being managed by John Snow Incorporated and 5) Health System Strengthening (HSS) Component being managed by JSI led consortium. Other consortium partners for HSS component are Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN), Contech International and Heartfile. HSS Component was initiated in April 2013 to achieve the following goal and results.

The Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) through its partner Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP) and Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) worked initially in seven districts of Sindh i.e. Thatta, Tando Allah Yar, Dadu, Tharparkar, and Umarkot districts but later reduced to four districts upon USAID's advice. Initiated in April 2013, and representing \$ 2.2 million in assistance, this four year project will lead to greater availability and access to health services in underserved areas of rural Sindh.

## OBJECTIVES

The goal of the Health Systems Strengthening Component is to develop and support innovative, cost effective, integrated, and quality programs and services to strengthen systems around reproductive, maternal, and child health services for improved outcomes. RSPN is contributing to achieve the below result:

### *Improved Management Capacity of Health and Population Welfare Department (Strengthening Routine Immunization)*

## ACTIVITIES

1. Create awareness/ mobilization about the importance of routine immunization at community level through RSPs fostered Community Institutions;
2. Registration and verification of Due and Defaulters (0-23 month's children and pregnant women) from all target UCs in 5 Districts i.e. Kashmore, Jacobabad, Tharparkar, Thatta and Sajawal;
3. Update and verify registration by enlisting the new births and pregnancies (and also number of children never immunized)
4. Participate in Planning and Coordination meetings at UC/BHU/EPI center level to share the union council wise registration data of due and defaulters of children and pregnant women and give inputs to develop the vaccinator wise outreach plans;
5. Participate in Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) review meeting District level to share the overall data of registration and to give inputs in planning for vaccination coverage. In these meetings RSPN's District representatives will also share the feedback about the visits of the vaccinators;
6. Assist District Health Department to develop UC level micro plans for outreach activities of vaccination;
7. Inform the communities about the vaccinators outreach plans for routine immunization and during the visit of Vaccinators to villages ensure the community support for gathering the target children and pregnant women;
8. Take feedback of the communities about the visit of the vaccinators as per their approved schedule.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- 1- Increased awareness among the communities about the importance of the routine immunization and vaccination card retention.
- 2- Coverage of the defaulters/ drop out cases for routine vaccination.
- 3- Registration of the new births in the UC birth register.